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WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.
FORMAL OPENING YESTERDAY.
BIG ACQUISITION.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, and Lady Peel, officiated at the formal opening of the War Memorial Nursing Home at Mount Kellett, yesterday afternoon. Lady Peel opening the front door with a gold key, which was presented to her as a memento of the occasion by Mr. W. H. Bell, Chairman of the Committee.

In spite of grey and cold weather, there was quite a large attendance, including H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, to witness the opening ceremony.

Members of the Committee, together with others present, stood on each side of the steps leading to the main entrance. On arrival, His Excellency and Lady Peel were received by Mr. W. H. Bell, after which they greeted those present.

After the building had been opened the visitors went inside and inspected the premises, tea being later provided.

Mr. Bell's Speech.

Mr. W. H. Bell said: On behalf of the Committee I have to thank His Excellency and Lady Peel for honouring us with their attendance today. This Nursing Home which we are opening today marks the close of another stage of the War Memorial Committee's labours. The first part, as you all know, was the erection of the Cenotaph, which was completed in May 1924.

We would not have been able to erect such a fine and well equipped home had it not been for the substantial help we have received from the trustees of the Granville Sharp Estate, for which we are very grateful. In addition we received considerable assistance from the Government, not only in money but as regards the site. We are also indebted to the Medical Advisory and Equipment Sub-Committee who gave us much valuable assistance.

In this connexion I must mention the names of Mrs. V. M. Grayburn and Dr. Montgomery. I must also express our thanks to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire who placed their London organisation at our disposal for the purchase and shipment of equipment, and to the building sub-committee who did a great deal of work.

Incentives to Peace.

I do not propose to detain you relating past history, as this was very fully covered by my predecessor when the foundation stone of this home was laid. Suffice it to say that I think we have in the Cenotaph and this Nursing Home fitting memorials to the men who fought and fell in the great war. When we see these monuments we will be reminded of the relations and friends we have lost, and I trust that the feelings which will be aroused will cause each and every one of us to determine to do everything in his or her power to prevent a repetition of that great tragedy, and that these memorials, whilst being war memorials, will prove to be the greatest incentives to peace.

(Applause.)

H.E. the Governor's Speech.

In reply, His Excellency the Governor said: It gives my wife and myself very great pleasure to-day formally to open this magnificent addition to the medical institutions of this Colony. After I arrived here I watched from time to time, when at Mountain Lodge, the progress of the erection of this building, when my view was not blanketed by the prevailing Peak fog! The progress at first was very rapid, and I had anticipated it being completed before this, but there is always a lot of finishing off required.

The history of the War Memorial in Hongkong has been

A PRAYA ACCIDENT.
NAVAL OFFICER'S DUCKING IN HARBOUR.

Commander Skyrme, Royal Navy, had a ducking in the harbour yesterday afternoon whilst riding a motor-cycle along the Praya, but, fortunately, was not injured, although he had to swim for it.

It appears that about four o'clock he was riding a motor-cycle along Connaught Road Central when the machine collided with a boy named Tan Sing, who received slight abrasions to his legs but declined to go to hospital. Commander Skyrme, apparently, was thrown off his cycle into the water, the cycle remaining on the road undamaged.

He swam to a landing place, and found he had received minor abrasions for which he was later treated at the Royal Naval Hospital.

full of vicissitudes, but there is no doubt that it is better to take a little more time and achieve perfection than move too quickly and fall short of it.

Fine Building.

I am probably walking on delicate ground, but I have always felt that in this Colony the engineer, with his execution has taken the palm from the architect with his design. In the case of this building, however, I think it will be admitted that the architect has come into his own, and that we have here a fine building which adds enormously to the appearance of the Peak, while the site is a very fine one indeed.

I have not had an opportunity yet of seeing the internal arrangements and equipment, but I gather that they are very adequate, and indeed luxurious.

Meaning of Memorials.

The term "War Memorial" has been generally accepted, though perhaps it is a pity that a better term cannot be found, for such memorials are erected not so much in memory of the war, as in memory of those who made the great sacrifice. It is merely trite to say war must always be regarded as a great calamity. Quite apart from the tragedies which are connected directly with war, the after effects are incalculable. We find ourselves to-day, in the fourteenth year since the War, with most of the countries of the world still suffering very seriously indeed from the economic after effects. Some good however did emerge; not only did it give rise to a wonderful spirit of self-sacrifice and a spirit of service, but much material progress was achieved. For instance in the science of surgery, in the prevention of disease and in the erection of fine memorial hospitals in many places.

Generous Subscribers.

I am glad that Hongkong has succeeded in erecting one of these in memory of those who gave their lives for their friends and their country. This result has only been rendered possible by the energy and keenness of many people, and by generous donations. I saw a list of subscribers not long ago, and was struck by the wonderful generosity of many of them, a generosity which fully justified Government's decision to allocate a considerable sum from public funds towards this work.

Congratulations.

I congratulate the Trustees, the Committee and all the generous subscribers on the happy consummation of the scheme. There is a great deal for us all to see, so I do not propose to detain you any longer.

I have much pleasure in declaring the Home open, in full confidence that it will prove a great blessing, not only to this generation, but to members of generations to come.

BANK SHROFF IN TROUBLE.

PLOT TO OBTAIN MONEY ALLEGED.

In their case against Chan Cheung-nam, shroff at a local Bank, before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the Police called evidence bearing on two charges of conspiracy and of the larceny of a sum of \$5,850.

The alleged victim, Tsang Fanning, said he recently returned from America, where he had been carrying on business. The owner of house-property here, he recently put up a "To Let" notice, and, as a result, one day in the latter part of January, received a caller who, giving his name as Tong King-nam, suggested the sale of the building.

Tong first introduced the defendant into the proposed deal, and Chan Cheung-nam, in his turn, brought another man called Leung Sau-kai as a prospective purchaser. On the eve of an agreement, Leung stated he had lost all his money, amounting to \$30,000, playing fan tan at West Point, and indicated his inability to proceed with the deal.

"They told him he was a fool," witness said.

Witness, continuing, stated he was present when Chan Cheung-nam induced Leung to play the same game with him, but instead of winning, Chan lost, to Leung, and took to his bed and cried.

A True Friend.

For the excellent counsel witness gave on general principles, and on the evils of gambling, and also for the sympathy which he now extended to the defendant in his sorrow, he was called a "good fellow." Wiping away his tears, defendant embraced him as a genuine friend, and declared to witness that in return, he would not mind making him a participant in the secret of his own success as a businessman. "I made all my money in speculations in sterling," he confided, "I do not mind your joining me in this business. We share the profits."

Witness replied that he had no ready money, whereupon it was suggested to him that a mortgage could be raised on his property. He agreed.

Witness proceeded to detail to the court the events that led up to the execution of the mortgage deed in the offices of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist. A sum of \$7,000 was obtained from the mortgagee, and this was handed to him.

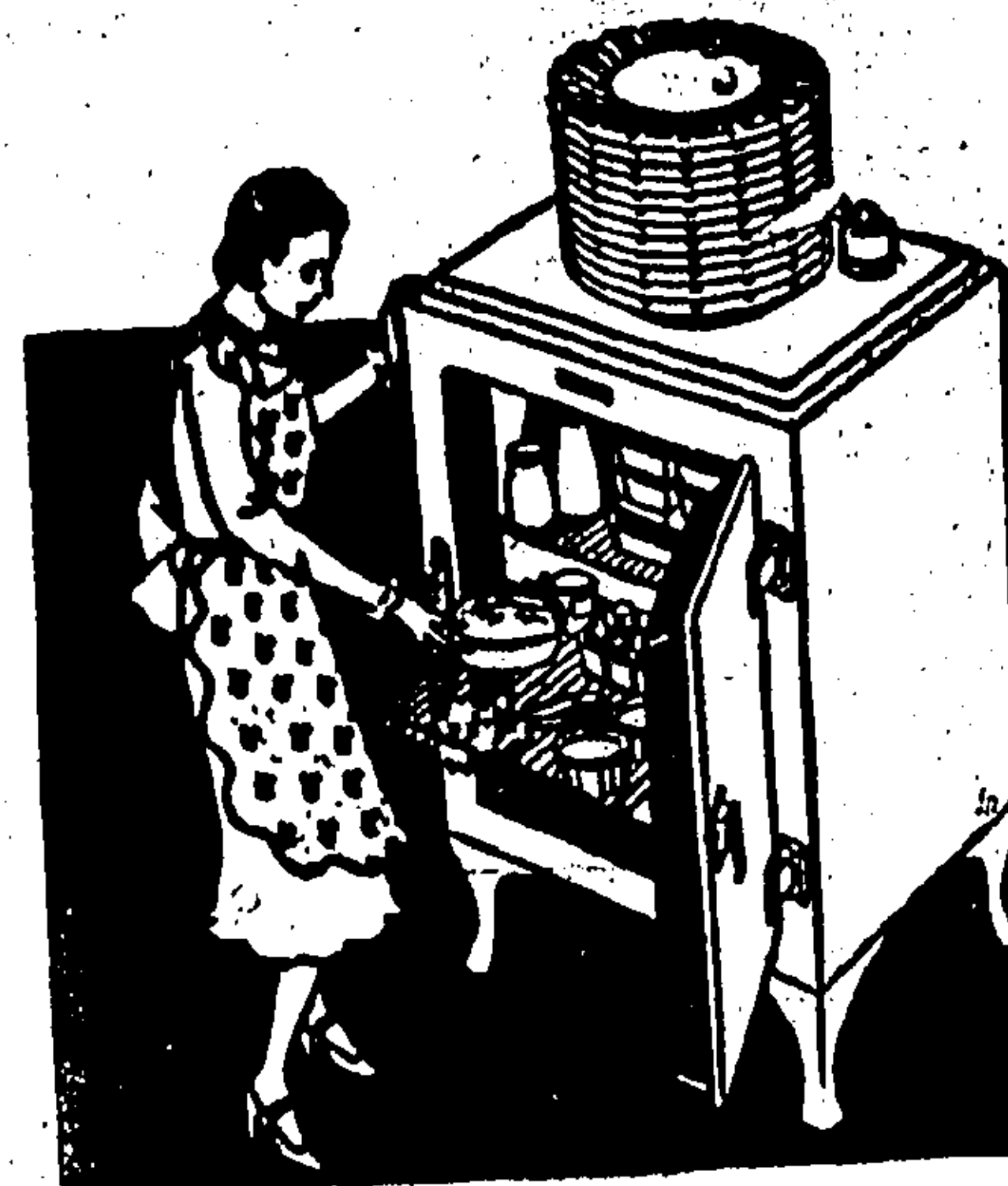
Drugged Cigarettes.

The party, now consisting (witness said), of Tong King-nam, Chan Cheung-nam, Leung Sau-kai and himself, then returned to the Gilman Street address. There he was given cigarettes to smoke which made him giddy. He now believed they were drugged, as after smoking them he felt dazed, and lay down on an opium divan. In that condition, he was conscious of the fact that two of the men were taking the money from him. As he came too, he gave chase, but was obstructed from following them into the street by the defendant, who also prevented him from blowing a Police whistle.

He shook himself free, and, in the street, blew a police whistle. He told Sgt. Alexander, who came up at that moment of what had occurred. The two men who took the money had escaped down the street and he asked the Sergeant to arrest the defendant who had stayed behind. A search of the floor failed to disclose the money, but on the way the defendant promised to return the money if he could induce the Sergeant to release him.

Dr. Pau, Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital, stated that when he examined the complainant he could discover no signs of his having been drugged or poisoned, although he was in a highly excited condition.

The case was adjourned.



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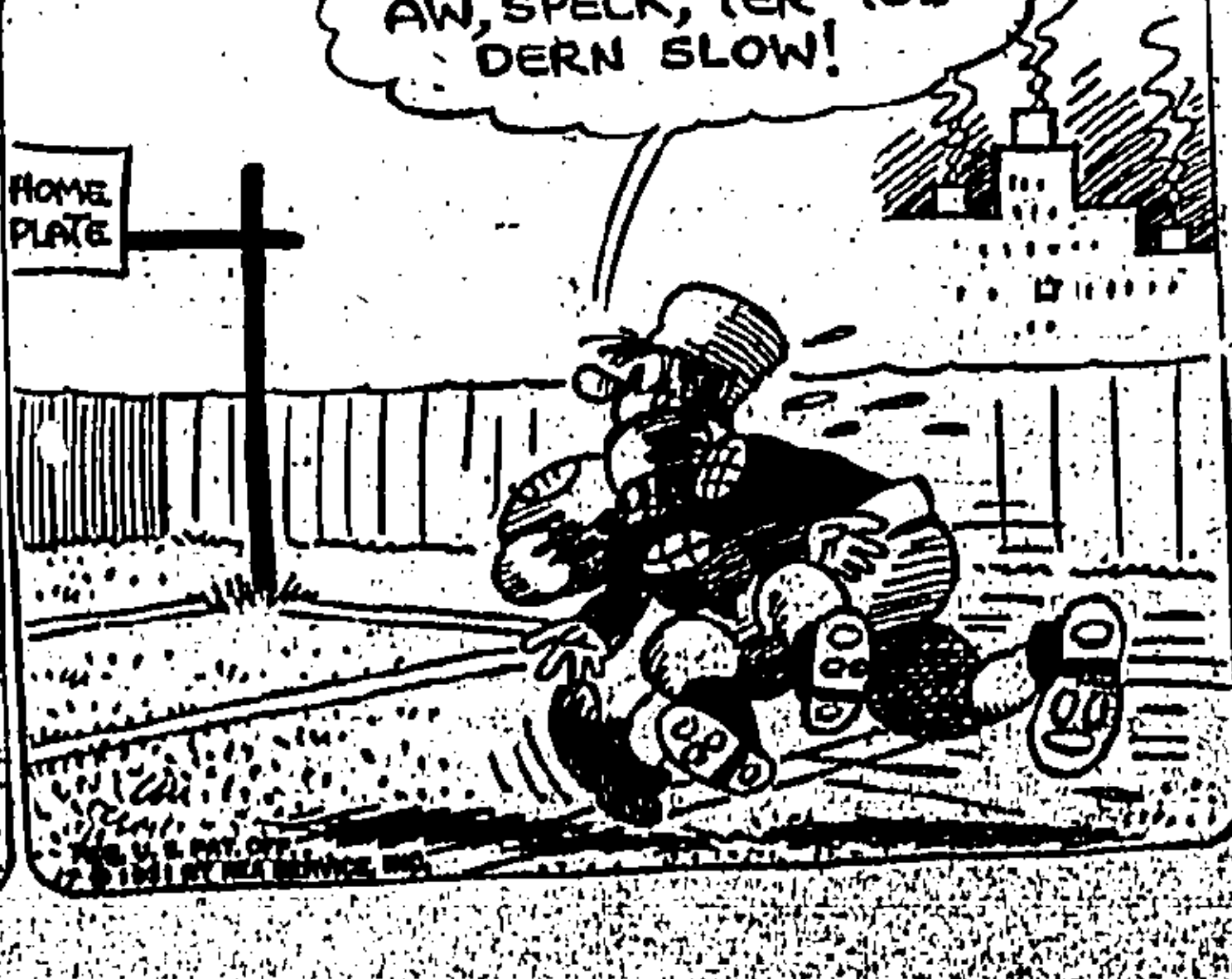
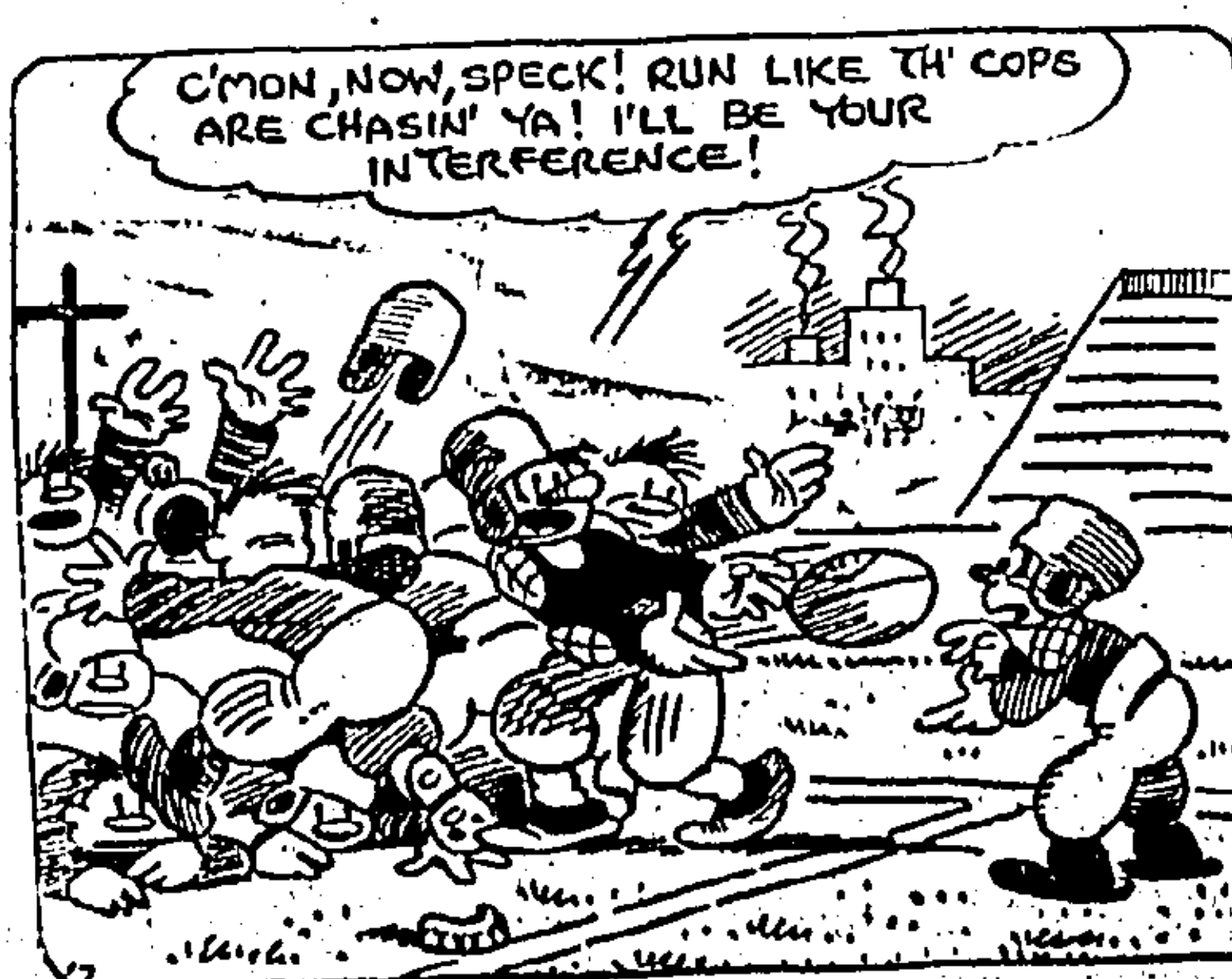
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HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the members will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on Tuesday, the 29th of March, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

By order
B. D. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, beg to give notice that by an Indenture of Assignment dated the 14th day of March, 1932, the business of O. Kitchell & Co. heretofore carried on by the undersigned Omar Kitchell at No. 5 Queen's Road, Central, as Sharebrokers together with all book debts goodwill and the seat on the Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association and all other assets of the said business were assigned to the undersigned Armin Kitchell absolutely for the consideration therein mentioned. The said assignment is to take effect as from the 9th day of December last.

All debts contracts engagements and other obligations of the said firm have been taken over and will be discharged by the undersigned Armin Kitchell.

All connections of the undersigned Omar Kitchell and his power to sign for the firm will cease as from the date heretofore mentioned.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1932.

O. KITCHELL,
A. KITCHELL.THE HONGKONG FIRE
INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Managers have, with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company obtained at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March 1932, made a Call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1932, to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

That the General Managers have with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee determined to employ the sum of \$400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March, 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

Should any Shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said Call on the 30th day of March, 1932, the General Managers will on the 31st day of March, 1932, apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 16th day of March 1932, to the 30th day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1932.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 43rd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 12th March, 1932, to Thursday, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1932.THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 31st MARCH 1932, at 11 a.m. for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th to the 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1932.CHINA ENTERTAINMENT &
LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1932, at 12 Noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 23rd day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1932.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT &
LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, at 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1932, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—

"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 13th day of April 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above-mentioned Resolution.

Dated this second day of March 1932.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &
MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 24th March, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Monday, 14th March, 1932, until Thursday, 24th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1932.THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1931, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 19th March, 1932, until Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1932.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 1932, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing more or less than	Area or more or less than	Estimated Value.
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LIMITED.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1932.THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1931 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 10th March 1932 to 23rd March 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1932.THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1931, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 19th March, 1932, until Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1932.

JAPANESE CABINET.

MR. INUKAI TO ASSUME
HOME AFFAIRS.Tokyo, Mar. 16.
Contrary to expectations Mr. Inukai has decided to take the portfolio of Home Affairs himself, in succession to Mr. Nakahara, who resigned, consequently there are no other changes in the Cabinet composition.

Apparently this last minute change of decision is due to internal dissension in the Seiyukai ranks.

Mr. Inukai will be installed this afternoon.—Router.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong), on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE
THEATRES.

Irving Pichel was born in Pittsburgh, the natal date being June 23, graduated from Central High School in that city, and from Harvard in 1914. Entered Harvard to study medicine but that course permitted scant time to earn expenses through outside work and he switched from medicine to become a stage director when he enrolled as a charter member of the "47 Workshop," Harvard's famous histrionic organization. Active in the Harvard Dramatic Club four years. Served as editor of the Harvard Monthly. In spare time did dramatic reviews for the Boston Transcript. After graduation made his stage debut in "Hamlet" with the Castle Square Stock Company in Boston. Went to Pittsburgh for six months with the Harry Davis Stock Company. Organized a Little Theatre movement in St. Paul and directed and produced plays there. Then assisted James K. Hackett in Shakespearean productions in New York. In 1916 he went to California and with Alvin Karpis produced plays in Los Angeles. While in this work he met Violette Wilson, a stage actress from Berkeley California, and married her. With the bride he appeared a season at the Artists Guild Theatre in St. Louis. After the World War he devoted a season to the Little Theatre at Detroit and there won national prominence as a stage director for Lee Shubert. He then came to Hongkong where he directed post as director general of the Theatre Guild because he wanted to establish his home in Berkeley. The Theatre in which the first Eugene O'Neill plays were presented. Served in the same role for Santa Barbara, then for a year occupied the place of dramatic critic for the San Francisco Daily News. Also lectured on theatres at the various West Coast schools. Is author of "Modern Theatres," widely used as a text in university dramatic courses. Accepted an offer from Metro-Goldwyn to write and spend six months preparing screen plays. Decided not to write but better than writing and accepted Paramount's offer for "The Right to Love" with Ruth Chatterton. Clicked at once and his later work in "Murder by the Clock," "Road to Reno" and "American Tragedy" proved him capable of excellent portrayals in divergent types of roles. Likes his part in "The Cheat" which is now showing at the King's Theatre better than any he has had. Has three sons. Is six feet tall. Weighs 135 pounds and has brown hair and eyes.

"Young As You Feel."

Fifi Dorsey is the one girl in all the world who can even approach Will Rogers at his own game, wisecracking. Their first day together on the set during the filming of "Young As You Feel," Rogers' latest Fox starring success which opens at the King's Theatre next Sunday, was filled with a constant exchange of cracks until they had established their old friendship started during their work in "They Had to See Paris," the picture in which they both scored their first talking screen triumphs.

"I can keep with her as long as she talks straight American," Rogers explained to the amused cast, "but when she starts slipping in them French phrases on me I sometimes have to stop a minute to figure out just what she means. No Sir, I got to take my French like I take a wild canyone, slow and easy."

In the picture, also Rogers, as Len Morehouse, dyspeptic old widower, has to stop many times to catch his second wind, as Fifi in her portrayal of Fleurbaey leads him along the fast road that makes young people old and old people young.

Fifi heads the distinguished cast in support of Rogers in this screen adaptation of George Ade's famous play, "Father and The Boys." Other include Lucien Littlefield, Donald Dillaway, Terrance Ray, Ronnie Roy, Lucile Browne and Brandon Hurst. Frank Borzage, who directed "They Had to See Paris," directed this latest Will Rogers success.

Douglas Fairbanks Novelty.

A new type of screen entertainment is being evolved. Douglas Fairbanks is capturing the imagination of the film public with the fantastic romance and adventure of such films as "Thief of Bagdad," "Three Musketeers" and "Robin Hood" is introducing the newest innovation at the

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Information has been received that the Siberian route is unimportant and the service by this route will accordingly be resumed forthwith.

The Public are, however, warned that, as this Service is somewhat precarious and still liable to suspension without notice, letters will only be accepted at senders' risks. In the event of the service being again suspended all letters for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

It is notified for the information of holders of Private Boxes at the General Post Office that on and after 1st February no taxed correspondence will be placed in the Boxes. A notification will be substituted and Box-holders are requested to call or send for the correspondence at the Box-holders' Lobby and there pay the amount of the Tax against the delivery of the letters or packets.

The Parcel Post Service to Shanghai and North China is fully resumed as from to-day.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	March 18.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 27th February)	Empress of Asia	March 18.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London, 18th February	Hakone Maru	March 18.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 27th February)	Katori Maru	March 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Chakrasang	March 18.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	March 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Tatsuma Maru	March 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 10th February)	Pres. Adams	March 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Iliye Maru	March 20.
Rangoon	Warfield	March 20.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 26th February)	Pres. Wilson	March 21.
Calcutta and Straits	Talamba	March 21.
Japan	Santos Maru	March 23.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 26th February and Papeete, 18th February	Rawalpindi	March 23.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	March 26.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 5th March)	Pres. Madison	March 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	March 25.
Shanghai and Japan	Felix Roussel	March 20.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Samshul and Wuchow	Kongso	Thurs. Mar. 17, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Helikon	Thurs. Mar. 17, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sul Sang	Thurs. Mar. 17, 6 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Talping	Fri. Mar. 18.
	Parcels	Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 18, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 18, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 20th Mar.)	
	Menado Maru	Fri. Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Fri. Mar. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tijnegras	Fri. Mar. 18, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri. Mar. 18, 1 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri. Mar. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	Fri. Mar. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Fri. Mar. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C.	President Jefferson	Fri. Mar. 18.
	Parcels	Mar. 18, 3 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 18, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 5th April)	
	President Jefferson	Fri. Mar. 18.
	Reg.	Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 18, 6 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	K.P.O.	Sat. Mar. 19.
	Reg.	Mar. 18, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 19, 9 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 19, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 19, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 17th April)	
Haihow and Bangkok	Kwelyang	Sat. Mar. 19, 9.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Adams	Sat. Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwanchow	Sun. Mar. 20, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun. Mar. 20, 9 a.m.
Batavia	Tijnsdard	Tues. Mar. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haichang	Tues. Mar. 22, 1 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Wilson	Tues. Mar. 22, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hangsang	Tues. Mar. 22, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Chichibu Maru	Wed. Mar. 23.
	Reg.	Mar. 22, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 23, 8.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 13th April)	
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Katori Maru	Sat. Mar. 19.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri. Mar. 25, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rajputana	Sat. Mar. 26.
	K.P.O.	
	Parcels	25th, 9 a.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 26, 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels	25th, 10 a.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 26, 0.45 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 26, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 22nd April)	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Atsuta Maru	Sat. Mar. 26.
	Reg.	Mar. 26, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 26, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 7th April)	
Sandakan	Yusang	Sat. Mar. 26, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Yusang	Sat. Mar. 26.
	Parcels 9 a.m.
	Letters 10 a.m.

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Central Theatre on Saturday, 9th, embody the life and manners of the people of foreign lands, showing how they live, rich and poor, famous and humble.

Doug's idea is to bring the colourful spectacle of his former films into the field of real life adventure. The first of his essays along this line is "Around the World in 80 Minutes," with Douglas Fairbanks, a United Artists super-special production. Several months of questing in the remote places of China, Japan, Siam, Indo-China and India are compressed into the approximately 10,000 feet of experiences and adventures which are the most unusual and absorbing of the imagination have been retained, and the narrative is told in a humorous vein which takes a bit out of the field of a tragicomic and makes it a new and distinctive type of entertainment.

In the current film Doug is the hero of numerous episodes of the most danger and the exercise of the athletic agility for which he is famous. It is an attempt to get into the dramatic panoply of the action which won such high acclaim for "Grass," "Champ" and similar films. But the Fairbanks films also seek to

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1,405 n.
Chartered Bank, \$113 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$20 n.
East Asiatic, \$123 n.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1,350 n.
Union Ins., \$145 n.
China Underwriters, \$4.10 n.
China Fire, \$590 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,250 n.

Shipping.
Dunlop, \$25 1/2 n.
H. K. Steamships, \$23 n.
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$32 n.
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.

Mining.
Benguet, \$11.75 n.
Kailash, 30/- n.
Shai Explorations, Th. 2.10 n.
Rauha, \$39 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$144 1/2 n.
Whampoa Dock, \$29 n.
South China Motors, \$10 n.
Providence, (old), \$4.90 b.
Hongkong, Th. 2.20 n.
New Engineers, Th. 6 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks, Th. 90 1/2 n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Th. 14.50 b.
Shanghai Cottons, Th. 30 1/2 n.
Zoon Siam Th. 11 1/2 n.

Land, Hotels, etc.
H. K. Hotel (old), \$13.90 b.
H. K. Hotel (new), \$13.60 b.
H. K. Land, \$74 b.
Shai Land, Th. 27 n.
Hampshire, \$18 n.
Realities, \$9.90 b.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$20.60 b.
Peak Tram, (old), \$15.60 n.
Sun Ferries, \$89 1/2 b.
China Lights, \$20.10 b.
H. K. Electric, \$75 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$41 n.
China Buses, Th. 16 n.
Singapore Traction, 3/- n.

Industrials.
Malayan, \$22 n.
Canton Ice, \$5 b.
Cement (comb.), \$18.15 b.
Ropes, \$16 n.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$28.25 b.
Watsons, \$15 1/2 n.
Der A. Wing, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$5.10 b.
Mackintosh, \$19 b.
Sincere, \$14.70 b.
Powells, \$3.60 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$20 1/2 b.
Entertainments (old), \$15 1/2 n.
Constructions (old), \$5.25 b.
S. C. Enterprises, \$10 n.
B. Ind. G. S. Bonds, \$58 1/2 n.
Loans, \$4 1/2 b. Prem.
Constructions (new), \$1.75 n.

CHINESE Y.W.C.A.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

At a full and enthusiastic meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. the first gathering following the annual meeting, the following officers for the current year were elected:

President, Miss F. C. Woo, O.B.E.; Vice President, Miss Wong Yu-see; Secretary, Mrs. S. P. Tao; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. N. S. Choy; and Treasurer, Mrs. Wong Kwok-shuen.

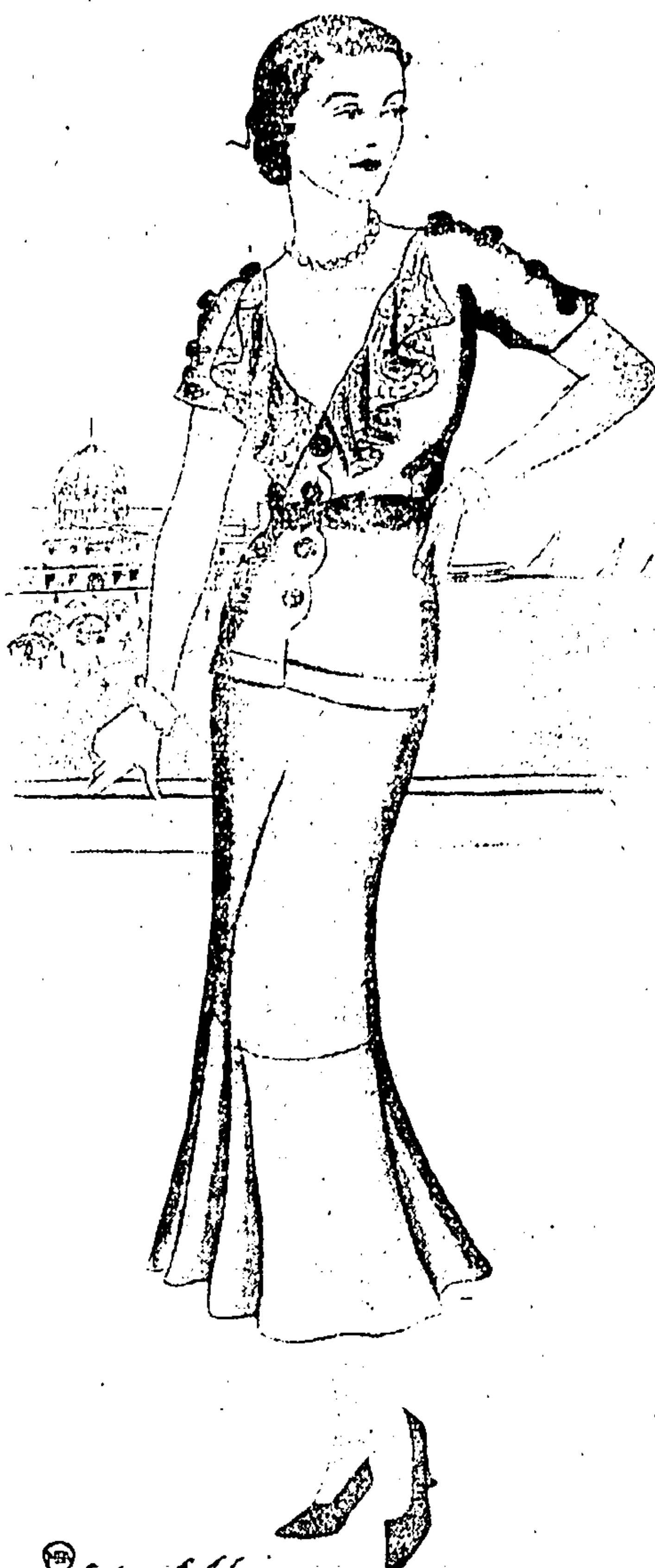
On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Tao in a few well chosen remarks, thanked Mrs. Ma Wing-chun, the retiring President, for her many years of faithful and devoted service and expressed great satisfaction that Mrs. Ma was continuing as a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Hospital Committee, thus giving the Association the benefit of her valuable advice and service.

Mrs. Tao then welcomed Miss Woo as the new President of the Board and assured her of the full co-operation of each of the members.

WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

UNUSUAL SHADE COMBINATIONS USED.



[By Joan Savoy.]

Among other things you should use in your wardrobe this spring is plenty of contrast. It always is refreshing and thus has a spring-like quality in itself. But, of course, it must be done with taste and discretion.

Colour contrast, done skillfully, is one of this spring's best costume tonics. You see greens and blues going along together in a stimulating way that puts no teeth on edge. You see pinks mixed with reds and making a grand go of it.

One of the smartest outfits of this contrasting variety that is to be seen to date combines a baby pink with the new vivid orange that has more than a dash of pink in it. It is a roughish silk two-piece frock and fits like a glove. While most skirts fail to hold fashion interest, leaving it all to the waists, necklines and sleeves, this dress expresses itself as having real individuality in its circular flounce.

The blouse has scalloped edges, with wooden buttons in this orange tone I spoke of, and the suede belt flaunts the same enlivening tone. The sleeves button up the tops, the waist down the centre, and a lace frill, in cream coloured lace, makes it quite a frock indeed.

LOVELY EYES.

If the lashes and brows are too light for the colour of the face, use an eyebrow pencil and eye-lash paint according to the instructions enclosed with these cosmetics. Otherwise they should not be

necessary except for evening. Arch the eyebrows by brushing. Eyelids may be powdered with eye shadow to tone with the colour of the eyes, but contrasting with the colour of the skin. Only the faintest tinge is necessary. Mauve eye shadow beneath the eyes will help if the skin is wrinkled.

BEAUTY HINTS.

[By Alicia Hart.]

No lady likes the thoughts of being slapped in the face.

But if you crave keeping your cheeks young and firm, you will see to it that you slap yourself morning and night!

There is nothing so efficacious for stirring up sluggish circulation and giving relaxed muscles a renewed sense of duty as a nice slap twice a day.

The times to slap yourself are when you are taking your morning bath and when you give yourself your nightly facial.

After you have thoroughly cleansed your face and used an astringent and given it nourishing cream, begin the slapping.

Have plenty of nourishing cream on your face as you slap for this massages it in and makes it more beneficial.

Don't slap too hard but do a firm, staccato slap with the fingers of your right hand on your left cheek, your left hand on your right cheek and both hands, alternating, up under your chin.

You will find your left hand no where near so efficacious as your right. It is a good idea to substitute your right hand for your left every now and then in slapping the right side of your face just as it comes out even with your left!

Always slap upwards. Do it for several seconds, until your face tingles. Not too hard, as I warned before, for too strenuous swats might break the fine blood-vessels just below the surface of your skin.

In the morning when you step under the shower, when you turn on the cold water to finish off, begin slapping your face again, with the cold water splashing on it. This time you need no cream, just use the water as an astringent and slap each cheek and under the chin about minute's worth each. The way our face will respond to these slaps is amazing. But you won't see results for several months. Just shut out faith and you will be rewarded!

HANDKERCHIEFS.

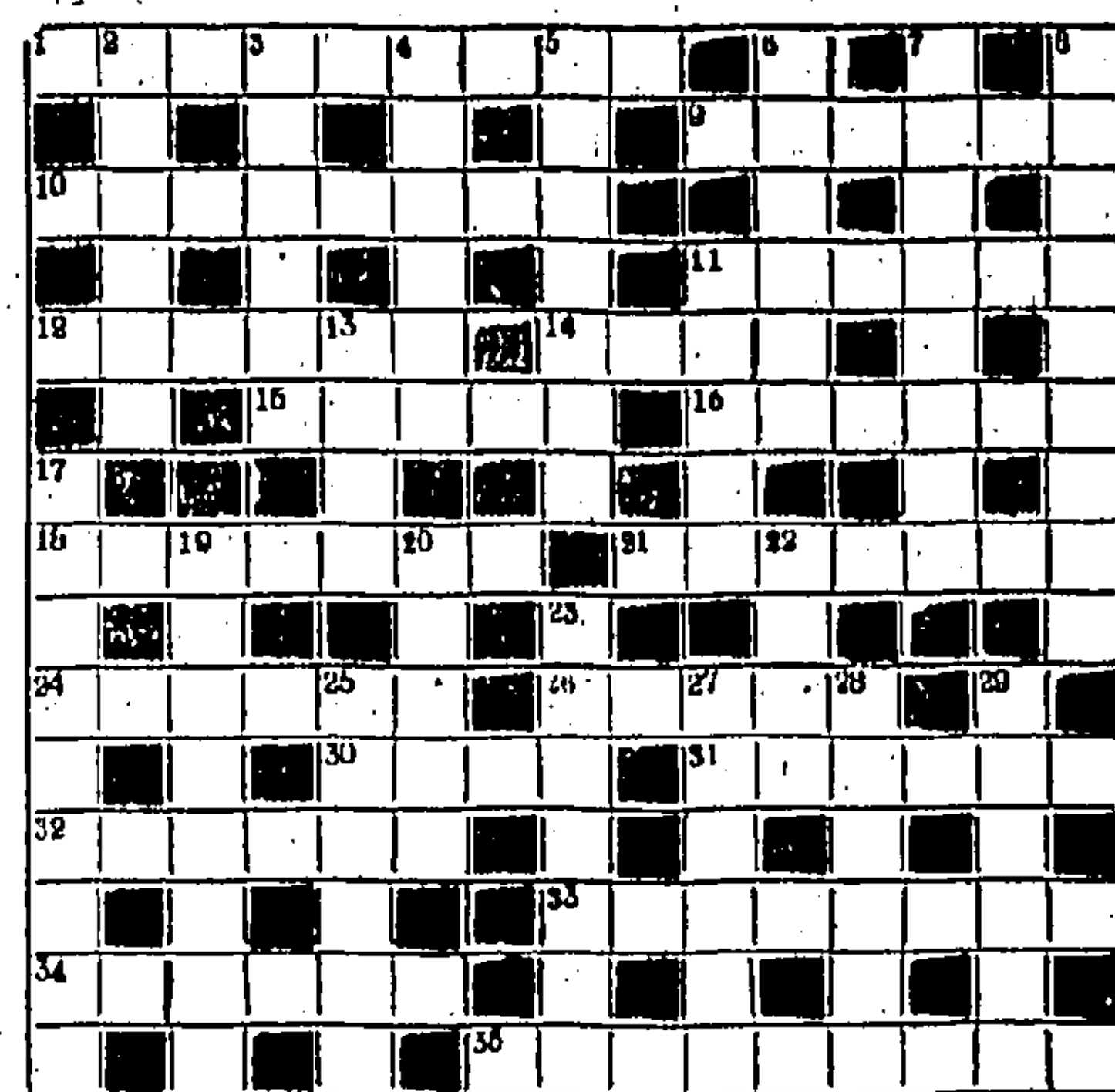
Handkerchiefs will always be beautifully white if the peel of used lemons is put into the water in which they are boiled. They will appear to turn yellow, but when rinsed and dried will be found to be quite white.

Of Pebbly Straw.



A little turban of black, pebbly straw is trimmed with a flattering bow of angel ribbon.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 Very unsymmetrical, but not so much after the blance mangle.
- 9 "Virtue may flourish in an old cravat. But man and—acorn the shocking hat."—Holmes, "A Rhymed Lesson."
- 10 When the body has been discovered take measure to complete the slaughter.
- 11 A gas-fire doesn't require one.
- 12 Four letters are in this river for ever.
- 14 and so is this bird.
- 15 Shivering is an alternative to dress. Personally I'd rather dress.
- 16 Meat in accord with fact.
- 18 I prophesy that the end comes by the left side.
- 21 Little short of cutters.
- 24 Not so difficult whatever you may say of the other clues.
- 26 Sphere of influence—or some of it.
- 30 Though far from fashionable this girl should wear well—which ought to be a comfort to her.
- 31 Dressed building stone.
- 32 More than fifty inebriates may look charming in the garden.
- 33 Put out.
- 34 There's a score to the good in this age.
- 35 Fine stuff for building houses, but why do they use granite in Aberdeen when this is available?

Down

- 2 When these rise with the sun, rain is said to threaten.
- 3 Worry.
- 4 Tight before this, in Edwardian times, was the order of the day.
- 5 It's no good listening in for this. It must be seen to be appreciated.
- 6 This is kept going by its magazine, and, notwithstanding its

suggestion of cantillation, issues quite a good report.

7 By all means have a drop in front of the cupboard, if you must, but do keep the matter secret.

8 Listeners (anag.).

11 Frolic.

13 The weariest worker will face this ascent with equanimity.

17 There's something mocking about the sound of a bell. Perhaps you've noticed it as invoking aid?

19 Next to red oxide of iron a fish makes a whispering sound.

20 Popular actor.

22 Its about the Royal Institution and takes in a pupil.

23 Study the trip well in outline.

25 Turn out.

27 Thwart; and just as useful in a silencer as in a boat.

28 One of the British Isles—but look out for a trap.

29 There is a coward hiding in this cave.

Yesterday's Solution.

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I THOUGHT MY PACKAGE OF
WEEBIES WAS GETTIN' AWFUL
LIGHT ALL OF A SUDDEN....
NO WONDER!!



GET OUT OF HERE! ALL
OF YOU!! SCRAM! BEAT
IT... G'WAN! GIT!!



NOW MY DIME IS
GONE—AN' ALL THE
WEEBIES I BOUGHT TO
COAX THAT DOG
OUT FROM UNDER
THE SHED!!



SHUCKS! I DIDNT
LIKE THAT BIG DOG
SO MUCH ANYWAY....
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BIG!!

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1932.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

It is quite conceivable that recent developments in the Far East may explain in part the British Admiralty's anxiety over the rather unsatisfactory state of affairs regarding the Singapore naval base. By reason of financial stringency and other circumstances, including the Labour Government's dilly-dallying with the project, the scheme has been slow in maturing. Even now, it is pointed out, the completion of the present contract will not result in the establishing of a fully-equipped, up-to-date base. Those who realise the need of such a naval centre, for the due and proper protection of British trade, strongly hope that the Government will now go forward with the whole project and see that no further delays are experienced. The cost, we believe something in the region of thirty millions sterling, is heavy, but it is essential that British naval forces in the East should have a modern centre from which to radiate.

With the passage of time, we are apt to forget that the Singapore base scheme dates from a period some considerable time before the War. At the Imperial Conference of 1909, and again at the Conference of 1911, it was agreed with the Dominions that a Pacific Fleet of the Empire should be created consisting of three fleet units, each consisting of one capital ship, three cruisers, and appropriate auxiliary craft; and that this Pacific Fleet should have its headquarters at Singapore. At that time Britain was in definite alliance with Japan, and was on friendly terms with Russia, and the proposal was regarded as in no way aggressive, in relation either to those two countries or any other country. Under the influence of the menace of the North Sea, the carrying out of this scheme was suspended, but was not abandoned. When the naval situation had again become normal the situation was reviewed by the Board of Admiralty, with Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty as First Sea Lord. As Mr. Amery then explained, "All that the Baldwin administration, in agreement with the Coalition Government over which Mr. Lloyd George presided, aimed at doing was to restore the mobility of the Fleet in virtue of two great changes affecting its mobility." One of these was the supersession of coal by oil, and the other was the increased size of ships of the line, which was enormously affected by the necessity of bulking them in order to deal with the submarine, a development which has affected the docking not only of battleships, but also of battle cruisers and aircraft carriers.

The provision of better facilities at Singapore for docking and repairing ships is merely an ordinary measure of insurance of British trade and British territories. Every year trade to the value of £1,000,000,000 passes through the Pacific Ocean, around which three-fourths of the population of the Empire live. This great volume of trade is the life-blood of the British peoples, and Singapore is the one point from which that floating wealth can be protected. It is, moreover, a grave admission that at present Britain cannot send an adequate fleet to the assistance of New Zealand or Australia, whatever crisis may arise. The only route by which help can go to the Southern Dominions is by way of Singapore, and that base cannot accommodate sixteen of the large vessels of the Fleet. "Once the Fleet is at Singapore, it already covers," as Mr. Amery, reflecting responsible naval opinion, has observed, "the approach to these Dominions, and is in the best position to provide them with security." That is only one aspect of the question. Other and equally vital considerations are involved. It would be a tragedy if the same policy of laissez-faire were pursued in relation to this scheme as was followed before the war with regard to Scapa Flow and the other bases on the North Sea which had to be hurriedly developed after the outbreak of hostilities—leaving the British Fleet for many months exposed to the gravest danger.

Future of the Public School.

The recent conference of British public school head masters at Godalming, focuses attention upon a not unimportant social evolution in the United Kingdom. The public school is losing the exclusive position it has occupied for centuries as the main place of education for middle-class Britons. National schools supported by the state, and hence much less expensive, have become so numerous and so efficient as to challenge time-honoured advantages long associated with the privately financed public school. Eton, Harrow, Winchester, Rugby, Charterhouse and a cohort of similarly famous institutions are still filled to their utmost capacity, but this is more because of the fine traditions with which they are associated than because they offer training superior to that available to boys of good ability in the government-aided schools. Both sets of institutions send scholars to the universities, where the proportion drawn from the national side has been growing progressively. The public schools are thus faced with effective competition and the Godalming Conference examined what would be done to meet this. Dr. Allington, head master of Eton, spoke a need for "drastic revision." He also asked pertinently, "What do we hope for in the education of the average boy?" The answer he gave was one that commended itself to all those present. It was that the function of the public school should be to teach accuracy and to train the powers of curiosity and observation rather than to accumulate specific knowledge. Dr. Cyril Norwood, headmaster of Harrow, added the suggestion that the present system of examination should be revised in the interests of those boys whose careers are bound up with industry and commerce. What is needed, he argued, is not to store up information, but to develop innate powers. The public school, as the special seminary for what once was, but happily no longer is, a class by itself, still has useful work to perform. Its role is to set the highest possible standard of educational excellence and thus to provide an object lesson in the shape of the best teaching that private enterprise can afford. Traditions handed down from antiquity can thus be enlisted for the common good. Public schools are still in the van of British educational advance. But the main body has closed up behind them and the change is altogether advantageous. The Godalming conference points to acceleration of the general march by emulation among the leading files.

The Tenth Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., is advertised to take place in the Board Room of Messrs. Shawan Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, on Tuesday, April 5, at noon.

DAY BY DAY

THE DEEPEST DISGRACE IS TO INSIST ON DOING WORK FOR WHICH WE ARE UNFIT—TO DO WORK OF ANY SORT BADLY.—George Eliot.

The steam launch "Elaie" was put up for auction by Messrs. Lammet Brothers yesterday afternoon, but as there were no bids, it was withdrawn from sale.

The Ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is advertised to be held in the Office of the Company, on Thursday, March 31, at 11 a.m.

Mrs. M. P. Talati will speak on "The Great Law" at the usual weekly public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 17, Queen's Road Central, to-day at 6 p.m.

Money and miscellaneous articles to the total value of \$67 were stolen yesterday from Mrs. E. Butler's bedroom at "Glenhorne," Kimberley Road, according to a report received by the police.

"The Cheat" which had its first showing at the King's Theatre yesterday, is a film which no-one should miss. Lavishly produced, with some remarkably fine effects, it is also noteworthy for the fine acting of Tallulah Bankhead and Irving Pichel. The former is seen in one of her strongest roles, while the latter, a newcomer to the screen, greatly impresses by his clever work.

At the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning a man named Li Hon-tak was charged with theft of a blanket from the Wo Ping Boarding House. Detective Sergeant Mendon said defendant went into the boarding house yesterday, and walked up to the third floor where he entered a room and took away the blanket which he tried to hide under his clothes. In sentencing the defendant to two months' imprisonment, Mr. Fraser said, "It is amazing that he should have thought he could get away with a thing like that."

During a raid on the eighth floor of Gloucester Building yesterday, sixteen Chinese of the coolie class were arrested by a party of police for playing fan-tan. Eight of the men appeared before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning and were each fined \$3 whilst the remainder who failed to appear had their bail of \$3 each extended. In another gambling raid at 310, Queen's Road, a number of men who appeared before his Worship were each fined \$3, while two keepers were fined \$50 each. A sum of \$12.77 which was picked up was ordered to be confiscated for the Poor Box.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1933 5/11½ down ¼d.
May 1932 5/2½ down ¼d.
August 1932 5/5½ down ¼d.
December 1932 5/8½ down ¼d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ¼d-½d more.

New York Terminals.

March 1933 1/02 down 1 pt.
May 1932 77 down 1 pt.
July 1932 8½ down 1 pt.
September 1932 89 down 2 pts.
December 1932 95 no change.



"Of course I got discouraged. I turn out a swell-looking job and nobody ever sees it."

FAVOURER DARLINGS IN BUSINESS.

By A YOUNG MAN.

"Oh he has someone behind him!"

Have you noticed how common the phrase is? Have you ever used similar words to explain the meteoric rise of some business-colleague more fortunate than yourself? I have, many a time. But did we ever really mean it, or is it simply a stock formula which serves to hide that tinge of envy that comes to the best of us on occasion? Surely there must be some justification, you say, for such an oft-repeated phrase. "Sour grapes" cannot always be held responsible for the knowing smile and the familiar chorus.

You are perfectly right! The Hongkong business world is saturated with "influence" and it is steadily getting worse. And unless something is speedily done to stop this vampire which is sapping the life-blood of our commercial life, we may say farewell to transient thoughts of prosperity.

Now the writer of this article is not airing a "grouse," neither is he an incorrigible young cynic. He is merely stating facts culled from his own business experience, and will be delighted if you can prove his observations wrong and the resulting deductions faulty.

Those Who Get On.

Let us take a rapid mental survey of the fellows we know who have "got on" exceptionally well. Let us be absolutely honest, and leave out of account those of whom we were, perhaps, slightly jealous or those against whom we had some small private grudge. How many of the remainder had sufficient sheer business ability, driving-power and nous to entitle them to that promotion? The result is rather startling, is it not? There are very few youngsters who have any hope of even getting a good job unless they have someone (significant word!) to speak for them. I had just such a gentle push to start me on my business career and probably you had, too. If we were as good as the next fellow, no great harm was done. Unfortunately, it is quite possible that the next fellow had more real ability than we—but he never got the chance to use it. He had no influence.

Then take the clerks in your office. Line them up in your mind's eye and give them a straightforward race for promotion, without handicaps and without favours. Young Smith wins easily, doesn't he? Yet, ten to one, in five years' time he will still be slogging away at the same old desk in the same old office, while Brown, who dropped out of your mental race before the second lap, is now occupying a swivel chair in that elegant room upstairs.

"But then, you see, Brown is..." Yes, I know! And, of course, the business was made for man, not man for the business. But did you ever notice how many prosperous firms built up by years of patient, unremitting labour sink gradually into oblivion? Did you ever wonder why?

The Favoured Darling.

Here is a firm which, owing to trade depression, recently dismissed several men. There was no work for them, and therefore this action was perfectly justified. Strangely enough, however, the relative of a director was not only

retained but a new post was actually created for him. He is "assistant manager" of some department or other, and his present salary would more than pay that batch of dismissed disillusioned youngsters.

This seems a curious kind of economy, for that lucky fellow can hardly find work enough to fill in the day. And, mind you, he is by no means brilliant. He has, in fact, little to commend him except a good appearance, but he is one of our future taipans.

Now his father started life at the bottom, and every penny he owns is the direct result of well-applied ability. Why not make his son face the world on the same footing? And what is going to be the future of that firm when this junior takes over the reins?

Through the Mill.

One might multiply examples of this sort indefinitely—we all know plenty of them. It is a truism that human nature never appreciates that which comes without hard striving, be it a responsible business position, a lady's favour, or a place in the school fifteen. You cannot expect a man to put his back into a job unless he has been through the mill to get it; and we need men who will put not only their back, but their whole self into the struggle.

It may seem a harsh thing to say, but unless a fellow shows distinct signs at least of willingness and the desire to make good, unless he takes a real interest in his job, he ought to be cleared out at once, irrespective of his social standing. Give every man an even break in the fight for promotion! It is simply common-sense, but it would revolutionise local practice if it were put into practice.

The preferential system is fast breeding a type of discontented worker that is a very real danger to business life. "What's the use?" they say. "We have no one to back us up, so we might as well take it easy. It makes no difference in the long-run." And you and I, in our heart of hearts, must perform admit that they are to some extent in the right.

THE SORT OF MAN.

I am the sort of man... To whom women come for advice about love, and never for love itself.

Who has gained a miserable reputation for wit: who is pestered to display it, and of whom people say, "That dreadful person—always trying to be funny."

Who always misses the last seat in the bus, the cinema, the train, and the music.

Who just misses trains, in whose face life doors close, for whom buses will not stop and on which little boys in the street enjoy to play practical jokes.

Who says with inane helplessness, "No, don't trouble to send the car. I'll walk instead," and, "No, honestly I don't want a fire in my bedroom," and "Tassure you, I'd rather have cold mutton."

Who loves riding in cars, fires in the bedroom, and who hates cold mutton.

To whom waiters hand the bill. Who always pays it.

Who always says, "No, let me stand this round."

Who stands it, and the next...

To whom people say, "Funny. I've run right out of change. D'you mind settling with the taxi and we'll square up later?"

With whom people never seem to square up.

Who remarks to a girl at a dance, "What a dreadful looking little man over there by the door." And to whom the girl will reply, "Yes! He's my husband."

Who tries to get over it by saying, "Oh, no, I mean the one next door." And to whom the girl replies, "That's my brother."

Who has the misfortune to be a good-natured, easy-going fellow, and whom people all know as such.

Who suffers for it in every possible way.

I am just, in fact—that sort of man. You know.

C. G. G.

DOLLAR SLIGHTLY DOWN.

REFLECTS DROP IN SILVER.

Again reflecting a decline in silver prices, the Hongkong dollar fell 1/8th this morning, to 1s. 3.7/8d. The local market is inclined to be easy, with practically no business passing.

Silver fell 1/8th in London spot and forward. China was a small seller on a market quiet with a steady undertone. After the official fixing, the market ruled quietly steady, with no special feature.

New York is unchanged, with the market dull.

SINO-JAPANESE
OUTLOOK.A PROVISIONAL
AGREEMENT?

GENEVA REPORT.

Geneva, Mar. 16.
At a meeting of the Assembly Committee, M. Hymans announced that Mr. Sato had informed him a provisional Sino-Japanese agreement had been reached at Shanghai. —*Reuter*.

The British View.

London, Mar. 16.
Let no-one suppose that because peace has not yet been restored, the League does not exercise a valuable restraining influence, declared Sir John Simon, speaking at Norwich last night.

He claimed that British influence in the world councils at Geneva had contributed largely to the results achieved.

Newspaper reactions are dying down. The *Daily Telegraph* ironically refers to the assurance of Hsieh Chieh-shih, remarking that Tokyo will doubtless take due note of the stern warning that Manchuria will not brook Japanese meddling with her independence, though ready to take Japan's guiding and friendly hand, especially if it contains the requested loan of \$2,000,000.

Mr. Gull's View.

Mr. E. M. Gull, the secretary of the China Association, lecturing to the Central Asian Society stressed that there was no question, apart from international documents, that Manchuria is actually Chinese soil. However, we can scarcely be surprised if Japan resents any suggestion likely to weaken her control of the supplies of Manchuria coal and iron.

He deprecated British advocating of the League taking action, supporting these arguments by a reference to British economic and racial interests. —*Reuter*.

Shots At Planes.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.
According to Japanese reports, Japanese reconnoitring planes were subjected to machine-gun fire from Chinese troops when they flew over Kunshan, on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway today. —*Reuter Morning Post Special*.

The Cost of War.

Tokyo, Mar. 16.
The Government has issued a loan of Yen 87,500,000, at 5 per cent, the issue value being 86,400,000, redeemable in 50 years, for the purpose of covering the expenses of military operations.

The Deposit Bureau is undertaking the flotation. —*Reuter*.

Toll of The Conflict.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.
According to reports to the Bureau of Social Affairs of Greater Shanghai, the Chinese civilian casualties in Chapei, Kiangwan and Wosung during the period of hostilities was:

Killed 6,000.
Wounded 2,000.
Missing more than 10,000.

The property losses are estimated by the Bureau at \$1,400,000,000. —*Reuter*.

Insurance Question.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.
It is reliably reported that a special committee, representing the leading insurance companies in Shanghai, has been formed to investigate the damage by fire to insured property in Chapei and other Chinese areas during the recent hostilities.

It is estimated that insurance in Chapei alone is approximately ten million taels, and claims for compensation are being made by numbers of policy holders.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce is reported to be backing some of the claimants, and foreign insurance companies are safeguarding their interests by a thorough investigation of all aspects of the local situation from the legal standpoint.

It is reported that a test case will shortly be made in connexion with these claims. —*Reuter*.

Labour Situation.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.
As a sequel to the destruction of the Commercial Press—during the air bombing of Chapei in the early stages of the Sino-Japanese conflict, a body of the workers has decided to proceed to the temporary offices of the concern and remain there until their demand for maintenance and a gratuity is met.

Many mills and factories, including all the Japanese manufacturing concerns in the International Settlement, remain closed. With the reopening of three more mills, the total number of factories now operating in the International Settlement is 63. —*Reuter Special*.

IRELAND'S NATIONAL
DAY.WREATH LAID ON THE
CENOTAPH.

Members of St. Patrick's Society gathered at the Cenotaph this morning to lay a wreath on the occasion of St. Patrick's Day. The wreath was in the form of an Irish harp, in green and gold.

Among those present were Col. C. D. Myles (President) and Mrs. Myles, Sir Joseph Kemp and Prof. F. A. Redmond, (Vice-Presidents) Mr. T. Murphy, Dr. Pope and Messrs. R. H. C. Hallows, E. H. Williams, P. R. James, M. C. O'Connor, J. C. M. Grenham, Lt. Cmdr. Browne and Capt. Patterson, with Mr. G. P. Murphy and Lt. P. T. Mahony (secretaries).

One or two functions are being held in honour of Ireland's patron saint. The main attraction is St. Patrick's Ball to take place at the Peninsula Hotel, and at which a crowd of more than 600 is expected. Decorators will be busy today in hanging shields round the roof garden, building the Blarney Castle and draping green bunting in prominent places. It will be the second Ball since the St. Patrick's Society was formed last year.

Last night St. Patrick's Club held a concert in their headquarters.

Last Night's Concert.
Pleasing variety sustained by a number of well-known local amateurs was a bright feature in the concert held at St. Patrick's Club last night.

The Hawaiian Glee Singers opened the programme, followed by Mr. P. V. Holland in comic items, Mr. Abraham (violinist), Miss E. Alves and Mr. G. P. D'Aquino (vocalists), and Mr. Sturgeon (instrumentalist).

Messrs. Holland, Clayton, Tomkins and Hayworth appeared in a humorous sketch which aroused a great deal of merriment. The Misses A. Young, A. Remedios and Lucy George, gave a praiseworthy performance in a short play entitled John Gattenberg, closing a most enjoyable evening. The accompanists were Professor Gualdi and Mr. Aylen.

DEBATERS DINE.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT
Y.M.C.A.

The annual dinner of the European Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society was held in the West Lounge last evening, a large gathering taking part in a successful and enjoyable function.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, President of the Society, was in the chair, and the evening was featured by a number of excellent speeches, all of which were witty and interesting in character.

The ladies, being the guests of the evening, enjoyed the toast of honour, this falling to Mr. S. A. Sweet to propose. He did so in his inimitable style, the toast being enthusiastically received. Mrs. T. V. Harmon replied with a neat speech on behalf of the ladies.

"Our Sports and Sportsmen" was next given by Mr. J. J. Ferguson and responded to by Mr. E. P. Selk, while the toast of the Literary and Debating Society was in the capable hands of Mr. C. Carruthers. Mr. S. A. Gray (Hon. Secretary) suitably acknowledged, after which Mr. H. S. Dinsdale gave "The Grasshoppers" in breezy style, to which Mr. A. C. Jeffreys responded.

The final toast of the evening was that of "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. T. V. Harmon, and acknowledged by Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

CHINA DELEGATE
TO LEAGUE.MR. VICTOR HU THE
NEW HEAD.

Nanking, Mar. 17.
The State Council has decided to appoint Mr. Victor Hu, formerly Director of the Asiatic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as chief Chinese delegate to the League of Nations.

Mr. Hu is at present in Europe, whither he went as expert to the Sino-Soviet Conference. —*Reuter*.

HOLIDAYS AT HOME.

URGED BY MR. NEVILLE
CHAMBERLAIN.

London, Mar. 16.
Home holidays in the interests of British finances were strongly advocated by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons. Mr. Chamberlain said that until our situation was more fully consolidated it must remain preferable in the national interests that money spent for holidays should be spent in Britain rather than abroad. —*Reuter's Special Service*.

CHICAGO MAY
CLOSE DOWN.SCHOOLS & ALL CIVIC
ACTIVITIES.£9,000,000 WAGES
ARREARS.

New York, Feb. 18.
Mr. Cermak, Mayor of Chicago, is preparing to shut down the city's administration.

The State Legislature has decided to adjourn until April, leaving Chicago with no money to carry on.

"I will close the City Hall," Mr. Cermak announced. "I will tell the Board of Education to close the public schools. I will close the Water Department, the Sewer Department, and other civic activities. We cannot operate without money."

On all sides the mayor is besieged with applications for outstanding debts.

The State Legislature has adjourned without passing the five bills designed to force the taxpayers to pay the money that would run the municipal government, and by next May Chicago's unpaid taxes will amount to \$140,000,000.

Cuts to the Bone.

Most of this money has been spent in advance, but the city employees still lack \$9,000,000 in unpaid salaries and wages.

Mr. Cermak told the City Council that he proposes a wholesale dismissal of city workers and that he will cut every department to the bone.

"What I have done already," he said, "is nothing to what is to come."

Of the Legislature, Mr. Cermak said graphically, "Those politicians can go to hell, and you can tell them I said so. They are afraid to take action because of the coming primaries." Party elections for choosing candidates for the Presidency.

Various contractors are refusing now to deliver goods because they are already owed large sums, and there is a danger that the schools, with no coal to warm them, may have to close.

The mayor's prayer to-day is, "Heaven help Chicago." He explained, "We are the victims of the politicians, who have placed their self-interests above the needs of the people."

GIRL IN HIDING.

DUCHESS FINDS A
SECRETARY.

The Duchess of York, who was accompanied by the Duke, opened the new \$300,000 London Clinic and Nursing Home in Marylebone-road, N.W., on Feb. 18.

During a tour of the building lasting more than an hour, a system of light signals, which flash the name of any doctor who is wanted all over the building, was shown to the Duchess. While she remained in the clinic her own name was displayed on every light signal-board.

In one of the suites of consulting rooms occupied by Harley-street doctors the Duchess noticed someone hiding behind the door. It was the doctor's secretary, and the Duchess said, "Come out, please," and she shook hands with the girl and introduced her to the Duke.

In the X-ray department the Duke was so absorbed in some photographs that he was left, and the Duchess went on alone to another part of the building.

Officials asked, "Where is the Duke?" and the Duchess smilingly replied, "I expect he is still among the X-ray photographs."

The clinic, which is the largest of its kind in Great Britain and one of the finest in the world, is to provide medical treatment for people of moderate means.

MR. & MRS. BERNARD
SHAW HURT.

CAR RUNS INTO A DITCH.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, who is 76, and Mrs. Shaw, who are on holiday in South Africa, were both hurt at Knyana, on the south coast of Cape Province, when a car in which they were driving ran into a ditch. Mr. Shaw was badly bruised and Mrs. Shaw was hurt in the wrist.

They had booked passages in the Union-Castle liner Arundel Castle from Mossel Bay (80 miles west of Knyana) to Capetown, but these were cancelled.

In an accident which occurred yesterday while he was working in the engine room of the s.s. *Begland*, being at the Kowloon Dock, a young Tai, a fitter, suffered a crushed hand, necessitating his admission to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

JOB FOR A
SUPERMAN.SUPERVISOR OF
EVERYTHING.

Herne Bay, Kent, wants an entertainments manager. Judging by the list of duties drawn up by the local council the successful applicant for the post will be a superman.

He will receive a commencing salary of £400 a year, and among the duties he will be expected to perform are the following:—

Act as piermaster.
Manage and control the beach, foreshore, and pleasure grounds, so far as pier-letting, chair-letting, and bathing are concerned.

Be responsible for chairs, programmes, bathing towels and costumes.

Supervise the collection of all moneys received for entertainments, sports, chair-letting, and bathing, and so on, and pay over daily to the council's accountant all receipts and moneys collected.

Manage the council's recreation and sports grounds (including tennis courts, bowling green, and putting green).

Manage, if required, under the direction of the clerk, any information and publicity bureau established by the council.

Film Inspector.

Act as inspector under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and inspect and report upon all cinemas in company with the surveyor before the issue of the annual licence.

Make frequent inspections of such cinemas and the exhibition of films therein and record all inspections in a report book, to be handed to the clerk at each monthly meeting of the council.

Such other duties in connexion with the work of entertainments manager or modifications of the foregoing as the council or its responsible committees may from time to time decide.

HARSH CHURCH
LAW.LORD SANKEY'S
ADVICE TO JETTISON IT.

A sequel to the imprisonment in 1929 of Mr. John Henry Stevens, a wealthy landowner, for contempt of the Ecclesiastical Consistory Court in refusing—as landlord—to repair the chancel of the Norman Church at Hauxton, near Cambridge, was heard in the House of Lords.

Lord Sankey, the Lord Chancellor, moved the second reading of the Chancel Repair Bill, which sought to abolish proceedings in ecclesiastical courts for enforcing liability to repair certain chancels and to transfer jurisdiction to the county courts.

As a result of Mr. Stevens' going to prison, he said, there was a public outcry.

"I have come to the conclusion," said Lord Sankey, "that this jurisdiction is not one to which the Church should attach much importance in these days. The Church in its own interest would be well advised to jettison jurisdiction of this character."

Dr. Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury, thought that imprisonment in such cases was wholly inappropriate.

The Bill was read a second time.

LOVERS' COACH.

ONCE-A-WEEK SERVICE.

There is a motor-coach service between the Forest of Dean and Cheltenham—about 25 miles—which is run once a week, on Sunday night, specially for courting couples.

The service, consisting of one coach, is operated by Mr. W. T. Edwards, of Lydbrook, Gloucestershire. When he was before the Traffic Commissioners for the Western Area recently his licence was opposed by two motor-coach companies.

The representatives of these companies admitted, however, that their Sunday night services, if used, did not provide the special facilities which Mr. Edwards afforded, and they withdrew their objection. Mr. Edwards was granted his licence.

The "lovers' coach," which arrives at Cheltenham at about seven o'clock, is filled chiefly with young men from the Forest of Dean, who go to visit their sweethearts, most of whom are in domestic service. And so that these courting couples can spend most of the evening together, Mr. Edwards's coach does not leave Cheltenham again until 10.40 p.m.

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6.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme.

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Anna Howard with Piano accompaniment by Myrtle C. Eaver. 20442.
Songs for Children.
Olive Kline (Soprano). 19891.

5.20-7.00 p.m. (Approx.).

Relay of "The Cheat" from the King's Theatre by courtesy of the Management.

7.00 p.m.

Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.

7.05-7.28 p.m. Variety.

Orchestral-Star Duo.

Victor Salon Orchestra. 22848.

Song-Watching my Dreams Go By.

Welcome Lewis (Comedienne). 22397.

Organ Solo-Dinah.

Jesse Crawford. 20000.

Song-After a Million Dreams.

John Bolea (Tenor). 22230.

Accordion Solo-Florette.

P. Frosini. V-57.

Orchestral-When It's Springtime in the Rockies.

Tivoli Novelty Orchestra. V-60.

7.28-8.00 p.m. Orchestral.

An American in Paris (George Gerahwin).

Victor Symphony Orchestra with George Gerahwin. 35993-35994.

(This Suite is by Special Request.)

Peer Gynt Suite No. 2 (Grieg Op. 56).

Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens. 9327-9328.

8.00 p.m.

Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m.

Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m.

Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m. Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tang Pook Piano Co.

Note: Should any additional items become available for broadcasting they will, when possible, be included between 7.30 and 8.00 p.m. on the broadcast programmes.

HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.

There was a revival of interest in the market generally at this morning's session, with a consequent marking up of quite a number of stocks.

Sales.

Hongkong Lands \$74.
Ewo Cottons Ltd. 1434.
Star Ferries \$89.
Cements (Combined) \$18.20.
Constructions (New) \$1.85.

Buyers.

Providents (Old) \$4.00.
Providents (New) \$2.30.
Hotels (Old) \$13.50.
Hotels (New) \$13.50.
Hongkong Lands \$74.
H.K. Realities \$3.50.
Chinese Estates \$56.
Ewo Cottons Ltd. 1434.
Hongkong Trams \$20.60.
Star Ferries \$89.15.
China Lights (Old) \$20.10.
China Lights (New) \$19.90.
H.K. Electric \$73.
Telephones (P. F.) \$22.15.
Canton Ice \$6.
Cements (Combined) \$18.15.
Cements (New) \$5.
Dairy Farms \$28.15.
Lane, Crawford & Co. (Old) \$5.10.
Amusements \$20.15.
Constructions (Old) \$5.40.
Constructions (New) \$1.80.
Covt. Loans 4 1/2 Premium.

Sellers.

Docks \$29.
South China Motors "B" \$12.
Humphreys \$18.
Yauwatt Ferries \$39.
Malabar Sugars \$22.

WELSH "DISCOVERY."

PROMISE OF YOUNG
ELLIS.

Mr. Teddy Lewis, the veteran Welsh manager of boxers who discovered Jimmy, Wilde and piloted the "Tyrolstown Terror" to a world's championship, claims to have found another young Welshman of championship possibilities.

The young man hailed from Ystradgynlais and has adopted the ring name of Young Ellis. He weighs a little over 10st., and though only 19 years of age has won nearly 50 contests and is already being considered by the Welsh Control Board for a championship match.

Ellis will make his first appearance in the south of England at Connaught Drill Hall, Portsmouth, and a difficult opponent in Stoker Reynolds has been selected for him. Reynolds has never been knocked out or even forced to retire from a fight. Ellis is meeting him over 10 rounds and he will justify all Mr. Lewis's claims if he beats the sailor decisively.

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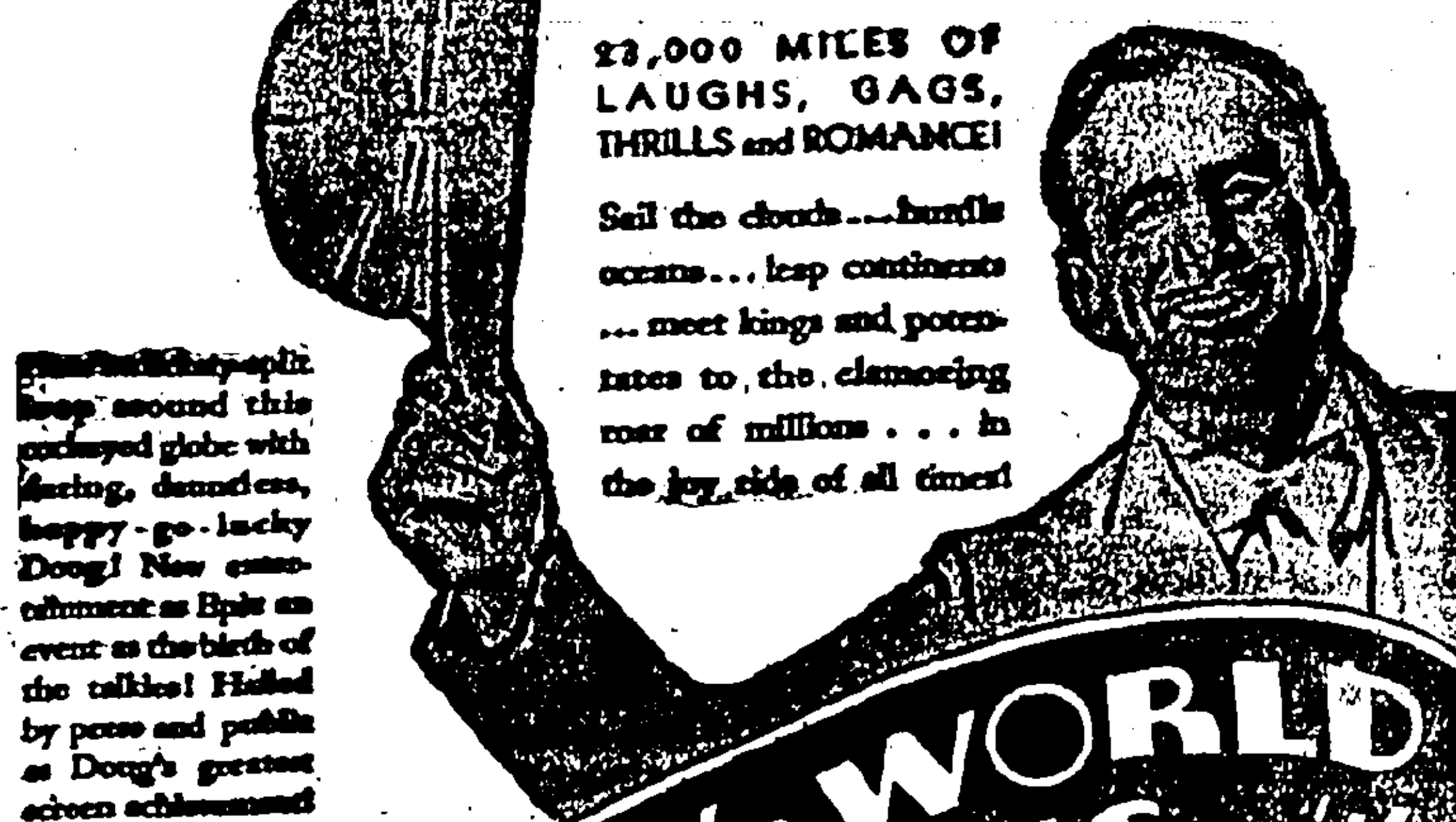
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LOCAL HOCKEY.

BORDERERS DRAW WITH HOCKEY CLUB.

A fast game was witnessed yester-
day on the United Services ground
between the Hongkong Hockey Club
and the South Wales Borderers. The
ground was a bit on the trying side,
but enthusiasm did not diminish on
that account, and the game, resulting
in even scores, was productive of
keen striving.

First blood was drawn by W. V.
Reed for the Club, with a nicely
placed shot. The Borderers equalised
through Roberts. This greatly stimu-
lated the military team, and ten
minutes after the interval Jones put
in a second goal.

The game was thereafter carried from
one end of the field to the other, and
towards the end, the Club players had
the satisfaction of levelling up.
Divett being responsible for the final
goal a few minutes before the close.

The respective teams were:
Hockey Club.—Duncan, Woodward,
Evans, W. A. Reed, C. Dand, W. V.
Reed, Divett, C. C. Francis, W. E.
Evans and Tetley.

S. W. Borderers.—Flynn, Smithers,
Wellton, Innes, Smith, Ronan, Jones,
Johnson, No. 40 Jones, Capps and
Roberts.

Mrs. Southern to Present Cup.
Mrs. Southern, the wife of the Hon.
Mr. W. T. Southern, Colonial Secre-
tary, is to distribute the Cane Clark
Cup to the winners, the Hongkong
Ladies' Hockey Club, on Saturday
afternoon after the final match of
the season is played between the
winners and "The Rest." The match
is to be played on the Y.M.C.A.
ground at King's Park, commencing
at 4.15 p.m.

The team to represent the Hong-
kong Ladies is as follows:—M. Bird,
E. M. Gray, J. Smalley, E. Ross, B.
M. Pope, A. Nicol, E. Blackburn, P.
M. Harrop, E. Bonnar, C. Ferguson
and H. Knill.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

R.A. BEAT HERMES IN SEMI-FINAL.

Playing on the Navy ground within
the racecourse yesterday, the Gun-
ners qualified to compete in the final
of the Services Shield Competition, by
defeating the Hermes by three goals to
one. The teams turned out as
under:

Hermes.—Mellon; Clayton; and
Chawner; Chamberlain, Shirras and
Brooks; Taylor, Flint, Green, Smith
and Heard.

R.A.—Hole; Frearson and Taylor;
Gough, Pardoe and Rogers; Woods,
Allen, Bryant, Moore and Walker.
Referee R. P. O. Darlington.

The opening exchanges were very
even, and the Gunners had hard luck
when a shot from Moore hit the post
when Mellon out of position. The
Hermes forced a corner, Flint heading
wide from the flag kick. The Gun-
ners were awarded a penalty, and
Frearson made no mistake from the
spot kick, sending the ball into the
roof of the net. The Hermes fought
back and forced two corners in suc-
cession.

Woods later sent across from the
right and Mellon mistimed the ball
and gave the Gunners a gift goal.
Moore heading into the net. The
Gunners held on to the lead and were
two up at the interval.

Resuming, the Hermes forced two
corners. About thirty minutes of
the second half, the Gunners made
the game safe. Walker put across
the goalmouth and Bryant shot into
the net, giving Mellon no chance.

A free kick later for the Hermes
was well placed by Shirras and Heard
about Hole with a fast low shot. This
success put new life into the Hermes
attack and the Gunners were forced
on the defensive, but held out until
the final whistle.

To-day's Game.

To-day at 5.15 p.m., the Club
Reserves will play the Argylls
Reserve in the Junior Shield on the
H.K.F.C. ground.
Referee, Ch. Wtr. Pooley.

UNIVERSITY TENNIS.

MATCH BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT.

At Pokfulam yesterday afternoon,
the annual tennis match between the
Past and Present students of the
University was played, ending in a
draw of 4½ sets each. Scores:

T. L. and T. C. Yu (Past) beat Khoo
and Lien 6-4; beat H. N. Lee and Y.
F. Chew 6-4; drew with Yeo and Ng
6-6.

Sepher and Chung (Past) lost to
Khoo and Lien 2-6; lost to Lee and
Chew 2-6; lost to Yeo and Ng 4-6.
Lo and Yeo (Past) beat Khoo and
Lien 6-1; beat Lee and Chew 6-3;
lost to Yeo and Ng 3-6.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE.

WINNING HORSE STARTS AT 40 TO 1.

London, Mar. 16.
The Lincolnshire Handicap resulted
as follows:
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LEAGUE CRICKET.

R.A.S.C. TEAM FOR NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

The following have been selected to
represent the R.A.S.C. in cricket mat-
ches versus the University C.C. on
Saturday, March 19, and the Indian
Recreation Club on Sunday, March
20. Matches to be played at Sou-
kumpoo commencing at 2 p.m. sharp:
W. O. I. Pamplin, (Capt.), S.Q.M.S.
Sadd, S/Sgt. Cate, Crowder, Sergt.
Hural, Cpl. Keene, L/Cpl. Cadman,
Pte. Lazenby, Dvr. Gray, Whitley and
Pte. Buckland. Reserves:—Pte. Fun-
nell, L/Cpl. Henderson. Secretary,
Sergt. W. King. Umpire,—Mr.
Bower.

Kowloon C.C. v Navy.

For their league match against the
Royal Navy on Saturday the Kowloon
C.C. will be represented by the fol-
lowing players:—J. C. Lynn, F. Good-
win, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, W.
C. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, G. C.
Burnett, F. Zimmerman, P. Madar, F. S.
W. Smith and A. Howe.

University Team.

The University seconds against the
R.A.S.C. on Saturday will be as fol-
lows:—P. L. Tan, K. P. Gan, G. E.
Yeeh, D. Roy, R. E. G. Leong, C. E.
R. Clarrabut, D. Hunt, B. K. Ng, G. S.
Scully, W. K. Choa and A. A. Aziz.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

FOUR TIES DECIDED YESTERDAY.

Yesterday's results in the H.K.
C. C. tennis tournament were as
follows:

Open Singles.
T. Honda beat Luk Ding-cheong
6-0, 6-3.

Open Doubles.
S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat
Sewell and Wright 6-0, 6-3.

Club Championship.
L. Goldman beat C. E. Holmes, W.O.
D. M. MacDougall beat P. R. S.
Walsham 6-4, 6-4.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Singles.
Stand Court:—A. L. Sullivan v. Ho
Ka-lau.

Open Doubles.
Fincher and Goldman v. Hachiuma
and Kinoshita.

Loe and Luk v. Remedios and
Ribeiro or Sai and Kwok.

Hambly and Collins v. Zimmerman
brothers or Chiu and Hung.

Club Championship.
Tufton v. Walte.

Handicap Singles "B."
Blackford v. Jensen.
Handicap Mixed Doubles.
Rodmond and Mrs. James v. Clarke
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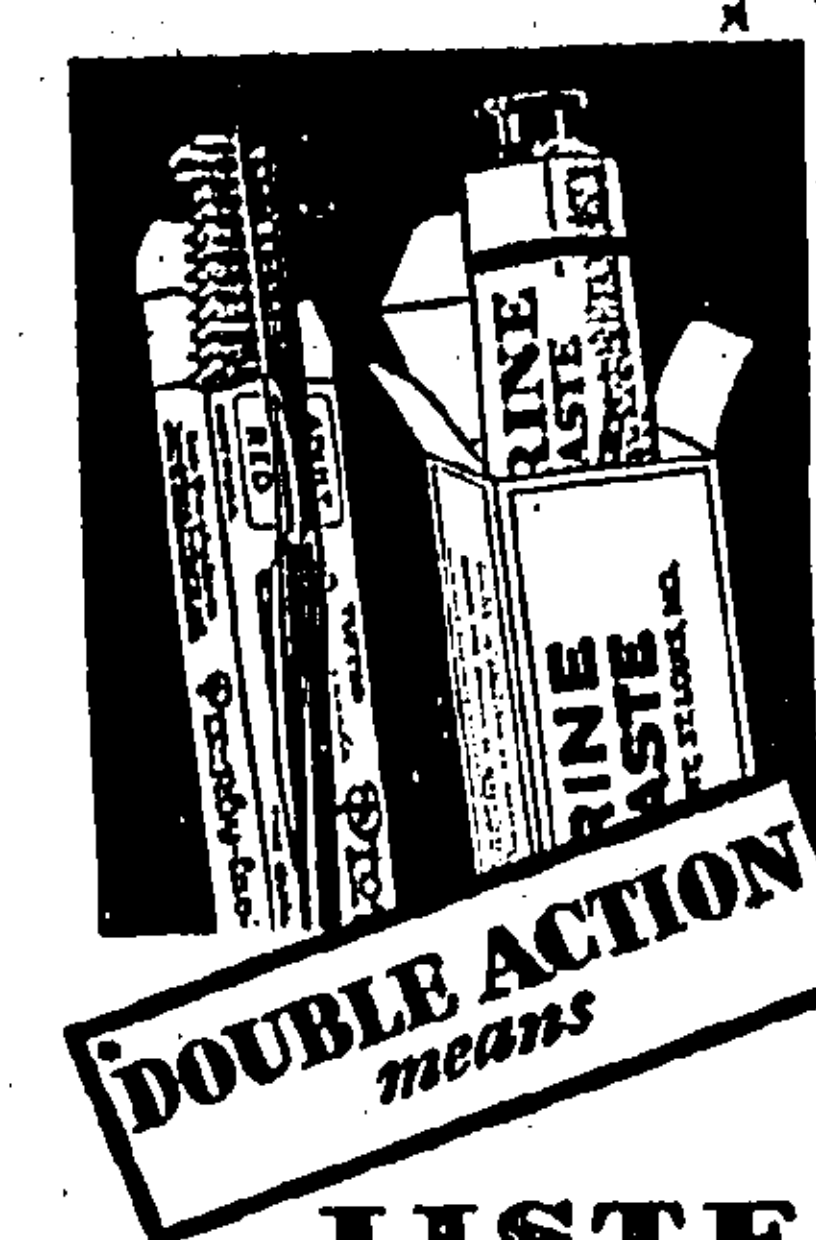
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THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

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of enting. I really have a bad head-ache."

"Come watch me eat, then," Ann put an arm around Cecily's waist and pulled. Cecily said, as they went down the stairs together, "that you'd tell me how you manage that serenity of yours. I'd give almost anything for some of it. I'm not sure that it is genuine; but there is something so sort of—clean about it."

They were in the lower hall before an answer. "I'm afraid you'll think I'm preachy again, honey, but I've thought a lot lately. I—well, I've had lots of time alone to think. And one thing I thought sort of seems to fit in with what you said about serenity being clean. I don't know, but I think that sorrow is something that should be put away and left alone; that it is something that shouldn't be taken out and fingered and soiled."

"Angel Ann!" Cecily said with affection and an amused tolerance; because, after all, what did Ann—what could Ann know about real sorrow? Ann, who confused sorrow with her best undies—who thought of it as something dirty to be wrapped in tissue paper and put away in a drawer with sachet powder.

The moon peered out from between two small aprawling clouds and blotched black shadows, industriously into the silvery whiteness below. "Yeah, but listen, hon, but I'll be out of the hospital in a week now, and he wants his car—see? 'Nother thing is, I got to get back to Denver and deliver that damn—pardon me—desk to the other guy and get off my hands. See?"

"Beloved," Mary-Frances answered, "I wish you'd remember about my not saying 'see' all the time. I love it, of course; and I wouldn't change a thing about you for the world, if I were the only one, but it would give people who didn't know the depths of you and all a kind of false impression of you. That's why I wish you'd stop. I don't want people who—"

"Sure, I know, but listen, hon. What I was getting at was, how about that classy little vauvauville act? I'm telling you, hon, and I'm not kidding you a bit, that you'll never have a better chance for clearing up money, and cleaning it up easy—see? You give me your promise, a long time ago, that you'd think it over—see? Give it your consideration, and all. But you won't do it. You won't look at it seriously, now—"

"Heart's dearest, I have. Honest and truly I have. I've talked it over with my friend and every thing. And I just think the same thing—that unless a girl has exceptional beauty and talent she is foolish to select the stage for a career." That was Ermitrude's mother talking.

"Oh, yeah? Well, that's where you're wrong, Frankie. That's where you and me differ—see? And maybe I'm in a position to know a little more about it than you are. If a couple has the looks and the act, they don't need hardly any talent. Besides, I told you, I got talent. And it isn't like you couldn't do steps nor anything. You got the rudiments down pretty good; and, anyways, mostly you'd just feed me—see? You and I in a little act—that this guy in Denver would fix up for us—we'd get swell bookings,

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INQUIRIES IN PUBLIC. ASSURANCE CO'S APPEAL.

Judgment was reserved in the House of Lords in the appeal by the Hearts of Oak Assurance Company, which raises the question whether inquiries into the affairs of Industrial Assurance Societies should be held in public. In making the announcement Viscount Dunedin remarked that their Lordships did so, as it (the judgment) must lay down the law.

Mr. Justice Luxmoore and the Appeal Court had held that the Commissioner had discretion to hold an inquiry in public or in private. The company's contention was that an inspector had not power to hold a public inquiry, as it was not a judicial proceeding.

The Solicitor-General (Sir Boyd Merriam) continuing his address, insisted that the duty of the Commissioner in the case of an Industrial Assurance Society was not merely to examine and report.

Lord Macmillan—By public inquiry you may create panic among policy holders. You may get most out of witnesses by private examination. The Director of Public Prosecutions does not hold his inquiry in public. In your inquiry, the other side has not its full chance of being heard, and that is a very material consideration.

Humble Folk.

The Attorney-General (Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C.) explained that he accepted responsibility for having brought this matter before their Lordships. The people affected were humble folk who paid their insurances in pence every week. Such publicity was the only way of informing the public of their rights and of a duty to inform an inspector on anything which came within their knowledge.

Lord Warrington—Supposing a declaration were made that the inspector is not entitled to conduct an inquiry in public, with the addition that this shall not prevent him admitting any person whom he thinks necessary for the efficient conduct of the inspection. The Attorney-General—I should not object to that.

Mr. Pritt, K.C. (for the company)—If a declaration states that an inspector is at liberty to admit any person whose presence is necessary to the proper conduct of the investigation I should be content.

The Attorney-General and Mr. Pritt conferred with the object of agreeing on a form of declaration. Later, the Attorney-General handed to their Lordships a form of words which counsel had agreed. He stated that public interest was safeguarded by the agreement.

Lord Dunedin then made the remark quoted above.

MAKING ABBEY LOOK NEW.

REPAIRS IN SOUTH TRANSEPT.

How did Westminster Abbey look when it was new? For answer the Abbey authorities are revealing, to the public at last, the upper walls and the vaulting of the South Transept, which they have had cleaned.

The vast bridge of planks which spanned the Transept half-way up, and has completely masked everything above it for two years, is coming down piece-meal, and already visitors get an astonishing glimpse of what the Abbey has been, and may soon be again.

The vaulting, a hundred feet above the floor, the clerestory walls and the intricately ornamented arcade of the triforium are now a bright creamy white, in which every detail, including the famous carved angels, shows up clearly.

Immediately beneath the triforium the black walls and pillars of the lower part of the Transept show up in gloomy contrast. The change from night to day has been effected by a secret process which leaves the surface of the stone in perfect condition, after it has removed the stains of centuries.

Work will be started at once on the lower part of the south wall of the Transept, and when that is clear there will be a respite for the summer. In the writers' follow it is hoped that the entire interior may eventually be transformed.

MORE DIAMOND MINES CLOSE.

ANOTHER BLOW FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Johannesburg, Feb. 19. Following the decision of De Beers to close the Kimberley Mines there was further consternation to-day at the announcement that the Premier Diamond Mine of Pretoria, the richest in the world, is similarly ceasing production at the end of March, bringing 330 Europeans and 1,600 natives out of work.

Apart from the depression, it is known that the Lichtenburg diamonds and the vast Namaqualand discoveries caused serious losses to regular producers, while the ever-increasing illicit traffic in stolen stones, estimated by some to amount to £30,000 weekly, helped to bring on the crisis.

It is not known when the mines are likely to reopen, but the Government is investigating the whole position. It is questionable whether the industry will ever regain its former prosperity. Indeed, some are wondering if the world's saturation point has already been reached, in view of the fact that diamonds are purely luxuries and imperishable.

L.N.E.R. DIVIDEND SURPRISE.

LOSS OF TRUSTEE STATUS.

The declaration of a dividend of only 1 per cent. in place of the normal 4 per cent. on the Second Preference stock of the London and North-Eastern Railway caused a sharp fall in the Ordinary and Prior Charge issues of the company, for it means that the Preference and Debenture stocks lose their "trusted" status and cannot regain it for at least ten years.

This is not the first time that the stocks of a British railway company have lost their status as trustee securities by reason of the passing of dividends on their Ordinary stocks, as it occurred in the case of the Great Central Railway. In respect of last year, too, the London Midland and Scottish Company had to use reserves to pay a small dividend on Ordinary stock, and thereby preserve the trustee status of its prior charges under the qualification that requires a dividend to have been paid on the Ordinary stock for a period of not less than ten years.

The L.N.E.R. figures show that revenue fell by nearly £6,000,000, but against this the savings in working expenses amounted to £4,216,944.

The four big group railway companies have now announced their dividends for last year. On the chief stocks they are as follows, compared with the payments for 1930:

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L.M.S. Ord.	2	¼
Southern Pref. Ord.	5	¼
L.N.E.R. Pref. Ord.	¼	all

SUNDAY CINEMAS.

GOVERNMENT TO IN- TRODUCE BILL IN APRIL

The Government Bill for the Sunday opening of musical entertainments, cinematograph entertainments, and exhibitions will be introduced towards the end of April by Mr. Oliver Stanley, the Under Secretary for Home Affairs.

It is stated that the Bill will be similar to the measure introduced last year by Mr. Clynes which was dropped by the National Government in favour of a temporary measure for one year.

The main principle of the new Government Bill is local option or the conferring on local authorities of power to grant licences for Sunday performances after evidence that this would be in accord with a substantial demand in the locality.

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DRAMATIC GODOWN INCIDENT.

BOMB THREAT TO COMPRADORE.

SUM OF \$20,000
DEMANDED.

INTRUDER HELD.

A dramatic incident at the Kowloon Godown Company's office on Monday morning, when \$20,000 were demanded of Mr. Wong Sik-chung, the compradore, under the menace of a "bomb" attack, was described at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Wong courageously tackled and wrestled the "bomb" from the terrorist when his attention was briefly diverted.

As a result, Tang Chau appeared in Court to-day charged with demanding money by menaces.

Detective-Inspector Elston said that at about 11 a.m. on Monday, Mr. Wong was sitting in his office when defendant walked in with a letter written in Chinese. It demanded that \$20,000 be handed over by Mr. Wong to defendant for the use of Chinese troops in Shanghai.

Mystery Packet.

When handing over the letter, defendant pulled out a packet from his pocket and told Mr. Wong that if the money was not forthcoming, they would die together. Subsequently, it was discovered that the packet contained only a lemon, but defendant indicated that it contained a bomb.

Inspector Elston thought that accused was the principal mover in the affair, and that he was probably doing it on his own.

Giving evidence, Mr. Wong said he was alone in the office at the Kowloon Godowns when defendant arrived and handed him the letter. "I thought he was mad and told him so."

"He replied that if I did not hand over the money at once, we were to die together. He took a parcel out from his pocket and from his manner, I thought it contained a bomb."

Caught Napping.

"I asked him to wait, and rang the bell for the shroff, who came into the office. Defendant's attention was drawn to the shroff and I seized his arm and took away his packet. I had him arrested and taken to the Police Station. I opened the parcel and found it contained a lemon!"

Defendant said he belonged to a privately-owned school in Canton. The letter was given him a friend to take down to Hongkong for Mr. Wong, whom he understood was acquainted with his friend. He had no knowledge of what the letter contained.

His Worship:—I find it difficult to believe that the man understood the gravity of that he was doing.

Meek and Mild.

Inspector Elston:—Defendant is pretending to be mild and meek now, your Worship, but the Police are satisfied that he is a perfectly sane man. This is a kind of terrorism and I am instructed to ask for the maximum penalty. We think that the letter was written only a few yards from the Kowloon Godowns, and that another man may be concerned in the affair. We hope to be able to trace this man, but meanwhile, we have to ask your Worship to take a serious view of the matter.

His Worship (to defendant):—You are an extremely foolish young man. I am quite sure you didn't understand the gravity of the thing you were doing.

Inspector Elston said the Police had no record of the defendant's character.

His Worship deferred sentence to allow the Police to inquire into his previous character.

FOREIGN CONTROL IN CHINA AGAIN SUGGESTED

TEMPORARY LEAGUE REGIME.

ON LINES OF TREBITSCH LINCOLN PLAN.

EX-MUKDEN ADVISOR'S PROPOSALS.

London, Mar. 17.

The remarkable programme drawn up by Trebitsch Lincoln for the renaissance of China involving a proposal for the appointment of temporary foreign managers of the country as the only solution of China's difficulties, is recalled by an article in to-day's issue of the London Morning Post.

A suggestion that the League of Nations should make itself responsible for China, along lines somewhat similar to those recommended by Trebitsch Lincoln, is made by Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Stewart, formerly Military Adviser to Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

POLICE FORCE EFFICIENCY.

Lieut. Colonel Stewart's proposals are similar in many respects to those of Trebitsch Lincoln, who is now a Buddhist monk in Manchuria, acting as counsellor of General Ma.

Both have spent many years in the country, both claim to be speaking in China's interests, and both stress the need for the early establishment of an effective organisation for policing the country.

FIRST ESSENTIAL.

Lt. Col. Stewart says that the first essential is the organisation of an adequate police force, which he suggests should be paid by the League of Nations, while control should be in the hands of international officers, appointed by the League.

Trebitsch Lincoln's scheme envisaged a National Gendarmerie, paid by China, but also under foreign officers.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL.

Lt. Col. Stewart further sug-

gests the appointment by the League of an International Council of Advisers, sitting at the capital of China which could control the work of the administration carried on by experienced and properly-qualified Chinese.

Trebitsch Lincoln urged the complete reorganisation of the administration, proposing the establishment of a Civil Service on the British model, with foreigners temporarily in charge of departments, notably the Finance Department, regarding which he recommended the appointment of a foreign Treasurer-General, through whose hands all Government finances would pass.

JOURNAL'S COMMENT

The Morning Post, in a leading article on Lieut.-Colonel Stewart's proposal, says that the League of Nations must come down to reality and recognise that China, as an ordered State, does not exist. Then, it adds, it might be possible to do something.—*Reuter.*

DANUBE BLOC.

Berlin Raises Objections.

Considers Plan Too Limited.

Berlin, Mar. 17.

The German Government's reply to M. Tardieu's proposal for a Danubian economic bloc, expresses the opinion that the proposed pact would be useless if it were limited to the State proposed by France.

The German Government supports the Italian suggestion for a conference of the Danubian States in association with France, Britain, Italy and Germany.

M. Tardieu's scheme is one which has already been given tentative approval by the British Government. It provides that the Government of Australia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia shall consult among themselves with a view to introducing preferential measures for the mutual benefit of their commerce and industry, the Powers to assist in the practical application of the formula adopted.—*Reuter.*

London, Mar. 17.
It is officially announced that Mr. Louis Beal has been appointed to succeed Mr. H. J. Brett, the British Commercial Secretary, in Shanghai, who is retiring on March 31.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN AND NEW MANCHURIA.

PREMATURE TO DECIDE ON ATTITUDE.

London, Mar. 16.

Questioned in the House of Commons regarding the position in Manchuria, Sir John Simon said that the only material recent development of which he had had information had been installation of Henry Pu Yi as the Chief Executive of the new Government of Manchuria on 9th March. The Nanking Government issued a proclamation on the 12th refusing to recognise the new Government.

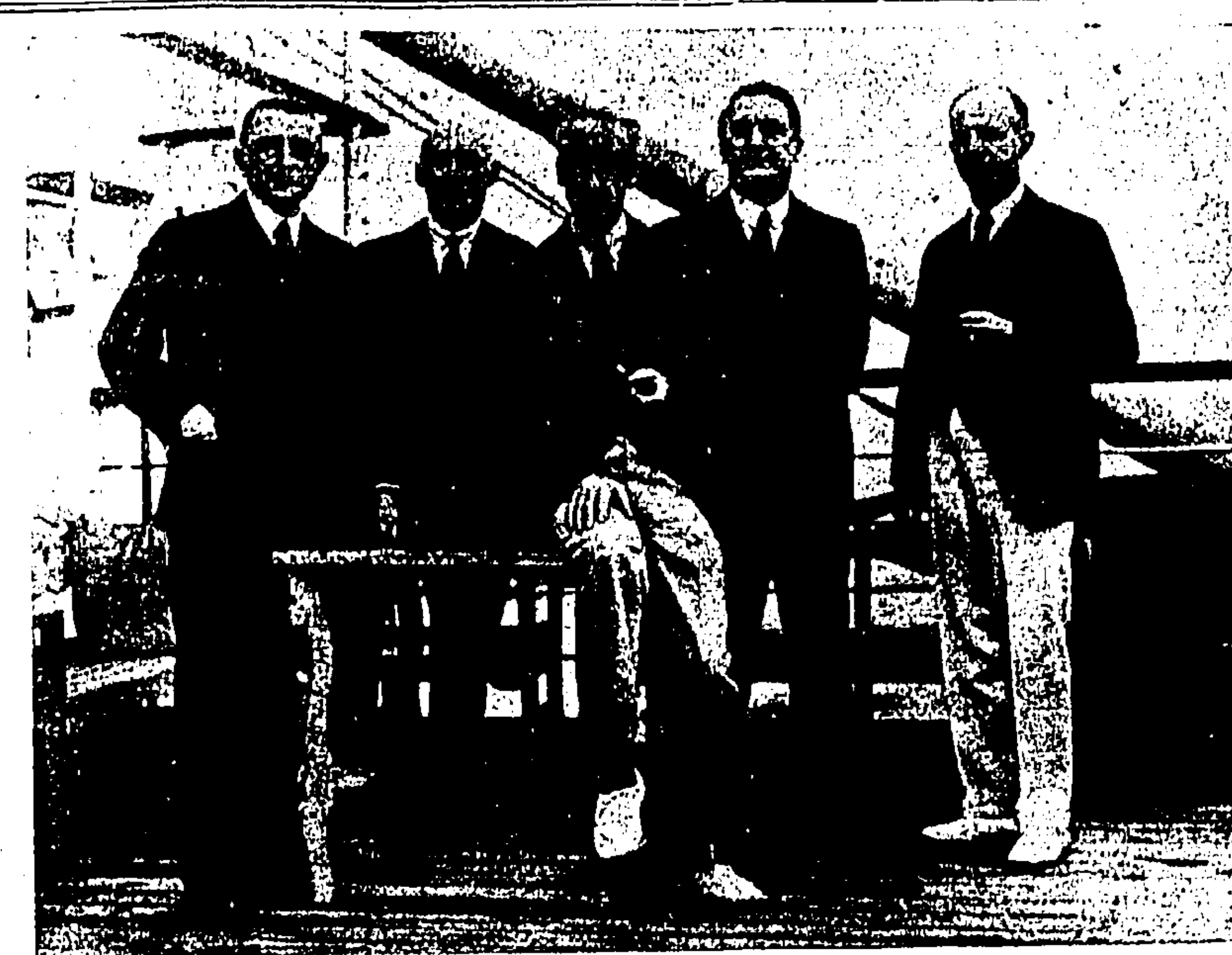
It would be premature to decide on the attitude of His Majesty's Government towards these events.—*British Wireless.*

SUPPLY OF ARMS TO COMBATANTS.

Washington, Mar. 16.

The question of the export of arms and ammunition to nations engaged in war was discussed in the House of Representatives to-day in the Foreign Relations Committee.

The Committee voted approval of a resolution proposing the participation of the United States in any agreement reached at the Disarmament Conference to strengthen the Kellogg Pact for the abolition of war, by renouncing such export of munitions.—*Reuter.*



Our photo shows the Manchuria Commission headed by the Earl of Lytton (centre), which is now in Shanghai investigating the recent war. The other members are, left to right: Dr. Schnee (Germany), General Claudel (France), Count Aldrovandi (Italy) and General McCoy (America).

LINDBERGH BABY DRAMA.

IOWA WOMAN ARRESTED.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Hopewell, N.J., Mar. 16.
The strain and anxiety of waiting for the return of her kidnapped baby son has impaired the health of Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, and a nerve specialist has had to be called in to recommend treatment.

Mrs. Lindbergh is now preparing for her second accouchement, two months' hence.

New York, Mar. 17.

A woman, said to have in her possession a baby resembling the Lindbergh child, has been arrested at Creston, Iowa.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DISTINGUISHED FRENCH OFFICIAL DIES.

SMALLPOX VICTIM IN HONGKONG.

HOMEWARD-BOUND FROM NORTH.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death in Hongkong of another distinguished French citizen, this being M. Edgard Napoleon Auguste Koechlin, Consul-General for France in Shanghai, who passed away at the Isolation Hospital, Kennedy Town, this morning, from small-pox.

The deceased, who was born in 1887, was on his way to France on leave aboard the s.s. Tjisandane, when he contracted small-pox. On the arrival of the steamer here on Monday, he was removed to hospital, where, despite all that could be done for him, he passed away at 11.15 this morning.

M. Koechlin, who was a graduate of the Ecole des Sciences Politiques, became a Consul in 1914, and came to the Far East in 1923, as acting Consul-General at Shanghai. This post he held until the end of last year, when he was promoted to Consul-General. His death will come as a great shock to his many friends in the Far East. A bachelor, he leaves an aged mother, for whom the greatest sympathy will be felt. He was a Protestant. The funeral takes place this evening at the Happy Valley Cemetery at 5.45 p.m.

LYTTON MISSION'S PLANS.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS DECLINED.

Shanghai, Mar. 17.

Peace hopes are running high in Shanghai, though there has been no confirmation of the reports current at Geneva that the negotiations in Shanghai give definite promise of the conclusion of an armistice and arrangements for a complete cessation of hostilities.

In order to make the fullest use of their time in investigating the facts of Shanghai's recent war, Earl Lytton and the members of the League's Manchurian Commission are rigidly limiting their social functions, declining many invitations both from Chinese and foreigners.

General Chiang Kwang-nai, of the Nineteenth Route Army, Tsai's second-in-command, has arrived from Nanking to assist Mr. Quao Tai-chi and Dr. Wellington Koo in the peace negotiations with the Japanese representatives.

It is expected that when the Lytton Commission visits the front lines to inspect the Nineteenth Route Army, General Chiang Kwang-nai will accompany them.—*Reuter.*

TALKS PROCEEDING.

London, Mar. 16.

Questioned in Parliament to-night regarding the progress of the local negotiations for the establishment of peace in Shanghai, Sir John Simon said that according to his information, conversations were proceeding.

As to the general situation, the Foreign Secretary said that skirmishing had practically ceased.—*British Wireless.*

DARTMOOR GAOL MUTINY.

THIRTY-TWO IN THE DOCK.

London, Mar. 16.

Thirty-two handcuffed convicts, charged with various offences in connexion with the Dartmoor Prison mutiny on January 24, appeared at the Princetown Town Hall to-day, where they were shrouded into an immense steel-railed dock.

The accused are all charged under the Malicious Damage Act of 1861, with destroying public property. The accused are all young men, with the exception of one white-haired lad.—*Reuter.*

MINISTERIAL JUGGLING.

THREE PENDING CONFERENCES.

SUFFICIENT TO GO ROUND?

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Mar. 16.

So many important conferences are pending in different parts of the world that the Government is almost wondering whether it will have a sufficient number of Cabinet Ministers to go round.

Provisional arrangements have been made to allocate the Ministerial personnel to the series of international and inter-imperial gatherings falling round about the same time.

It has been tentatively arranged that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, will be the principal British representative at the Lausanne Reparations Conference, while Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary of State for the Dominions, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Agriculture, will go to the Imperial Conference at Ottawa.

Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, and Lord Londonderry, Secretary of State for Air, will attend the Disarmament Conference.

Whether Mr. Stanley Baldwin will go to Ottawa will depend upon Parliamentary business, as, in the absence of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at Lausanne, he assumes the Leadership of the House of Commons.

OLD CHINA HAND DEAD.

CONSUL-GENERAL AT YUNNAN FU.

London, Mar. 17.

The death has occurred of Mr. Henry Edward Sly, who retired in 1925 after 28 years in the British Consular Service in China. He was 65 years of age.

He commenced his career as a Student Interpreter in 1897, became a Vice-Consul in Canton in 1906, remaining for three years, was appointed Consul at Harbin in 1912 and Consul-General in Yunnan-fu in 1922.

Later he had been residing at Hamilton Terrace, London, N.W. 8.—*Reuter.*

L. G. ON THE WARPATH.

BACK INTO FRAY OF POLITICS.

BITTER SPEECH.

London, Mar. 16.

The National Government would remain in office for four years, which was not a day too long to educate forty millions of people.

Therefore, said Mr. Lloyd George to-day, the Liberals should start right away to recover its position. In thus saying, the ex-Liberal leader revealed his future political course, of hostility to the present administration.

He was particularly bitter against the old Liberal leaders now in office.

Hope For Future.

Mr. Lloyd George was making his first political speech after an eight months' absence from the arena owing to his serious illness, and was addressing the members of the Junior Liberal Club.

He said that the hope for the future lay with the rank and file of the Liberals, whom he would be prepared to lead if the tocsin sounded for the restoration of Free Trade.

Samuelites Blamed.

There were members of all political parties present and his vigorous speech was heard with much interest. He charged the blame for the return of a predominantly Protectionist House of Commons and the abandonment of the policy of Free Trade upon the Liberals who supported the formation of a National Government in the crisis of last autumn. *Reuter's and British Wireless.*

LITTLE POWERS' REVOLT.

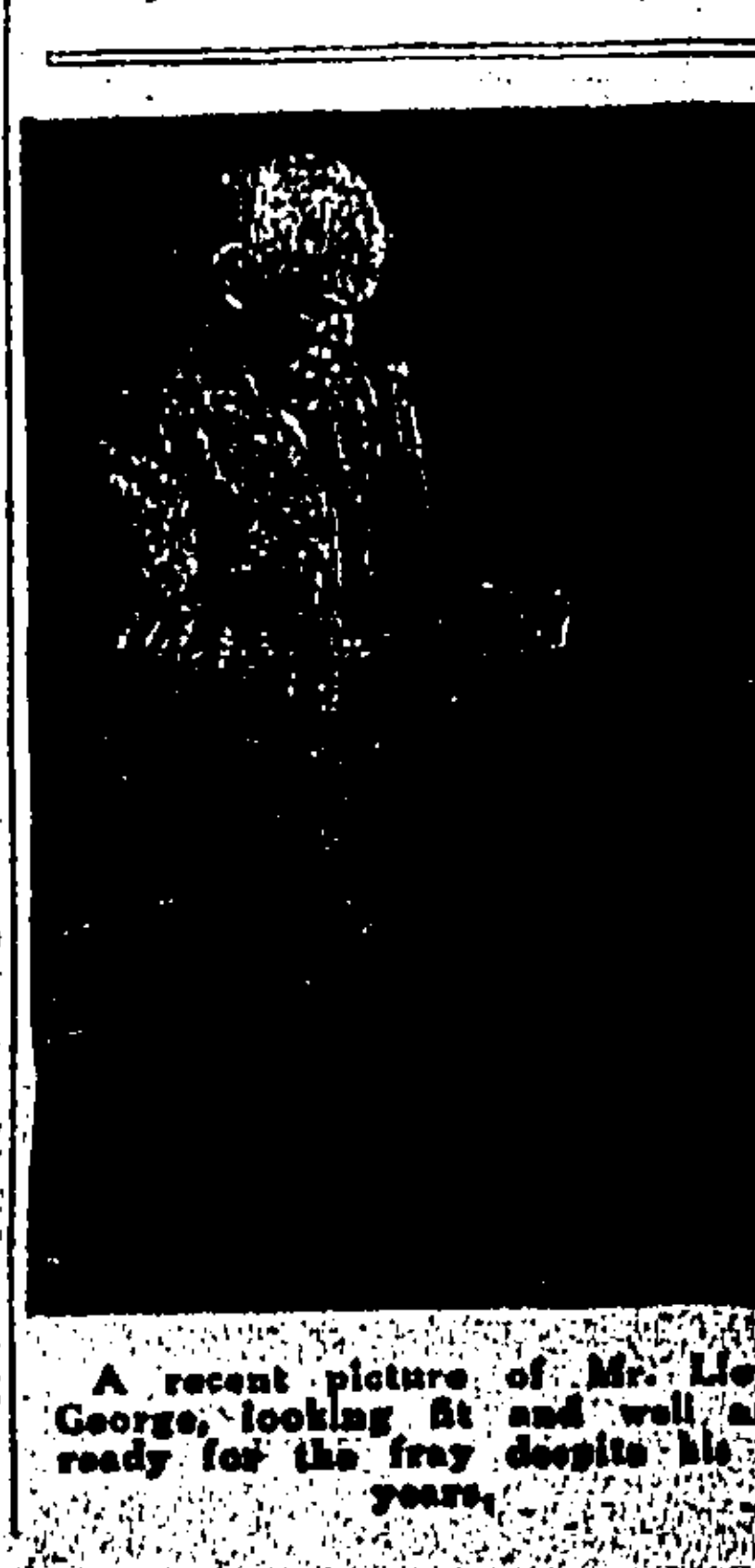
LEAGUE OF NATIONS FEEBLENESS.

London, Mar. 16.

The hesitation, the feebleness and the politeness exhibited in the last few weeks in reference to the Far Eastern dispute has damaged the League of Nations far more than anything in its previous history, declared Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at the Junior Liberal Club to-day.

The only hope, he said, was that the very valiant stand made by the wretchedly equipped, but courageous Chinese army, together with the revolt of the Little Powers (towards the end of the League Assembly meeting) may have restored the situation.—*Reuter.*

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone appears to be central over the Yellow Sea. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; generally cloudy.



A recent picture of Mr. Lloyd George, looking fit and well, and ready for the fray despite his 65 years.

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WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. FORMAL OPENING YESTERDAY.

BIG ACQUISITION.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, and Lady Peel, officiated at the formal opening of the War Memorial Nursing Home at Mount Kellett, yesterday afternoon. Lady Peel opening the front door with a gold key, which was presented to her as a memento of the occasion by Mr. W. H. Bell, Chairman of the Committee.

In spite of grey and cold weather, there was quite a large attendance, including H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, to witness the opening ceremony. Members of the Committee, together with others present, stood on each side of the steps leading to the main entrance. On arrival, His Excellency and Lady Peel were received by Mr. W. H. Bell, after which they greeted those present.

After the building had been opened the visitors went inside and inspected the premises, tea being later provided.

Mr. Bell's Speech.

Mr. W. H. Bell said: On behalf of the Committee I have a thank His Excellency and Lady Peel for honouring us with their attendance to-day. This Nursing Home which we are opening to-day marks the close of another stage of the War Memorial Committee's labours. The first part, as you all know, was the erection of the Cenotaph, which was completed in May 1923.

We would not have been able to erect such a fine and well equipped home had it not been for the substantial help we have received from the trustees of the Granville Sharp Estate, for which we are very grateful. In addition we received considerable assistance from the Government, not only in money but as regards the site. We are also indebted to the Medical Advisory and Equipment Sub-Committee who gave us much valuable assistance. In this connection I must mention the names of Mrs. V. M. Grayburn and Dr. Montgomery. I must also express our thanks to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire who placed their London organization at our disposal for the purchase and shipment of equipment, and to the building sub-committee who did a great deal of work.

Incentives to Peace.

I do not propose to detain you relating past history, as this was very fully covered by my predecessor when the foundation stone of this home was laid. Suffice it to say that I think we have in the Cenotaph and this Nursing Home fitting memorials to the men who fought and fell in the great war. When we see these monuments we will be reminded of the relations and friends we have lost, and I trust that the feelings which will be aroused will cause each and every one of us to determine to do everything in his or her power to prevent a repetition of that great tragedy, and that these memorials, whilst being war memorials, will prove to be the greatest incentives to peace. (Applauded.)

H.E. the Governor's Speech.

In reply, His Excellency the Governor said: It gives me very great pleasure to-day formally to open this magnificent addition to the medical institutions of this Colony. After I arrived here I watched from time to time, when at Mountain Lodge, the progress of the erection of this building, when my view was not blanketed by the prevailing Peak fog! The progress at first was very rapid, and I had anticipated it being completed before this, but there is always a lot of finishing off required.

The history of the War Memorial in Hongkong has been

A PRAYA ACCIDENT.

NAVAL OFFICER'S DUCKING IN HARBOUR.

Commander Skyrme, Royal Navy, had a ducking in the harbour yesterday afternoon whilst riding a motor-cycle along the Praya, but, fortunately, was not injured, although he had to swim for it.

It appears that about four o'clock he was riding a motor-cycle along Connaught Road Central when the machine collided with a boy named Tan Sing, who received slight abrasions to his legs but declined to go to hospital. Commander Skyrme, apparently, was thrown off his cycle into the water, the cycle remaining on the road undamaged.

He swam to a landing place, and found he had received minor abrasions for which he was later treated at the Royal Naval Hospital.

full of vicissitudes, but there is no doubt that it is better to take a little more time and achieve perfection than move too quickly and fall short of it.

Fine Building.

I am probably walking on delicate ground, but I have always felt that in this Colony the engineer with his execution has taken the palm from the architect with his design. In the case of this building, however, I think it will be admitted that the architect has come into his own, and that we have here a fine building which adds enormously to the appearance of the Peak, while the site is a very fine one indeed.

I have not had an opportunity yet of seeing the internal arrangements and equipment, but I gather that they are very adequate, and indeed luxurious.

Meaning of Memorials.

The term "War Memorial" has been generally accepted, though perhaps it is a pity that a better term cannot be found, for such memorials are erected not so much in memory of the war, as in memory of those who made the great sacrifice. It is merely to say that war must always be regarded as a great calamity. Quite apart from the tragedies which are connected directly with war, the after effects are incalculable. We find ourselves to-day, in the fourteenth year since the War, with most of the countries of the world still suffering very seriously indeed from the economic after effects. Some good however did emerge; not only did it give rise to a wonderful spirit of self-sacrifice and a spirit of service, but much material progress was achieved. For instance in the science of surgery, in the prevention of disease and in the erection of fine memorial hospitals in many places.

Generous Subscribers.

I am glad that Hongkong has succeeded in erecting one of these in memory of those who gave their lives for their friends and their country. This result has only been rendered possible by the energy and keenness of many people, and by generous donations. I saw a list of subscribers not long ago, and was struck by the wonderful generosity of many of them, a generosity which fully justified Government's decision to allocate a considerable sum from public funds towards this work.

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BANK SHROFF IN TROUBLE.

PILOT TO OBTAIN MONEY ALLEGED.

In their case against Chan Cheung-nam, shroff at a local Bank, before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the Police called evidence bearing on two charges of conspiracy and of the larceny of a sum of \$6,850.

The alleged victim, Tsang Fung-hing, said he recently returned from America, where he had been carrying on business. The owner of house-property here, he recently put up a "To Let" notice, and, as a result, one day in the latter part of January, received a caller who, giving his name as Tong King-nam, suggested the sale of the building.

Tong first introduced the defendant into the proposed deal, and Chan Cheung-nam, in his turn, brought another man called Leung Sau-ki as a prospective purchaser. On the eve of an agreement, Leung stated he had lost all his money, amounting to \$30,000, playing fan tan at West Point, and indicated his inability to proceed with the deal.

"They told him he was a fool," witness said.

Witness, continuing, stated he was present when Chan Cheung-nam induced Leung to play the same game with him, but instead of winning, Chan lost to Leung, and took to his bed and cried.

A True Friend.

For the excellent counsel witness had invariably given, on general principles, and on the evils of gambling, and also for the sympathy which he now extended to the defendant in his sorrow, he was called a "good fellow". Wiping away his tears, defendant embraced him as a genuine friend, and declared to witness that in return, he would not mind making him a participant in the secret of his own success as a businessman. "I made all my money in speculations in sterling," he confided. "I do not mind your joining me in this business. We share the profits."

Witness replied that he had no ready money, whereupon it was suggested to him that a mortgage could be raised on his property. He agreed.

Witness proceeded to detail to the court the events that led up to the execution of the mortgage deed in the offices of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist. A sum of \$7,000 was obtained from the mortgage, and this was handed to him.

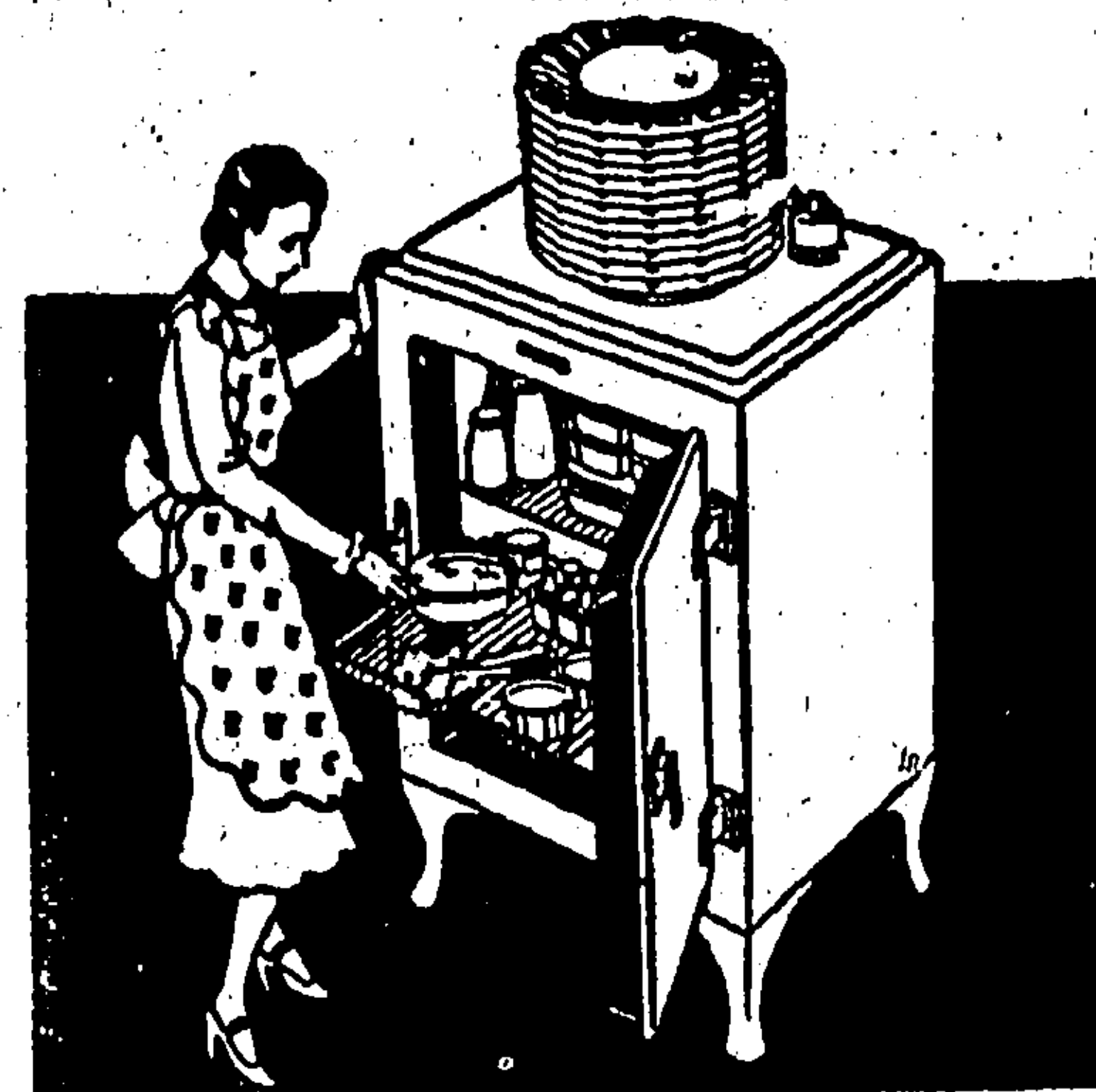
Drugged Cigarettes.

The party, now consisting (witness said) of Tong King-nam, Chan Cheung-nam, Leung Sau-ki and himself, then returned to the Gilman Street address. There he was given cigarettes to smoke which made him giddy. He now believed they were drugged, as after smoking them he felt dazed, and lay down on an opium divan. In that condition, he was conscious of the fact that two of the men were taking the money from him. As he came too, he gave chase, but was obstructed from following them into the street by the defendant, who also prevented him from blowing a Police whistle.

He shook himself free, and, in the street, blew a police whistle. He told Sergt. Alexander, who came up at that moment of what had occurred. The two men who took the money had escaped down the street, and he asked the Sergeant to arrest the defendant who had stayed behind. A search of the floor failed to disclose the money, but on the way the defendant promised to return the money if he could induce the Sergeant to release him.

Dr. Pau, Medical Officer at the Government Civil Hospital, stated that when he examined the complainant he could discover no signs of his having been drugged or poisoned, although he was in a highly excited condition.

The case was adjourned.



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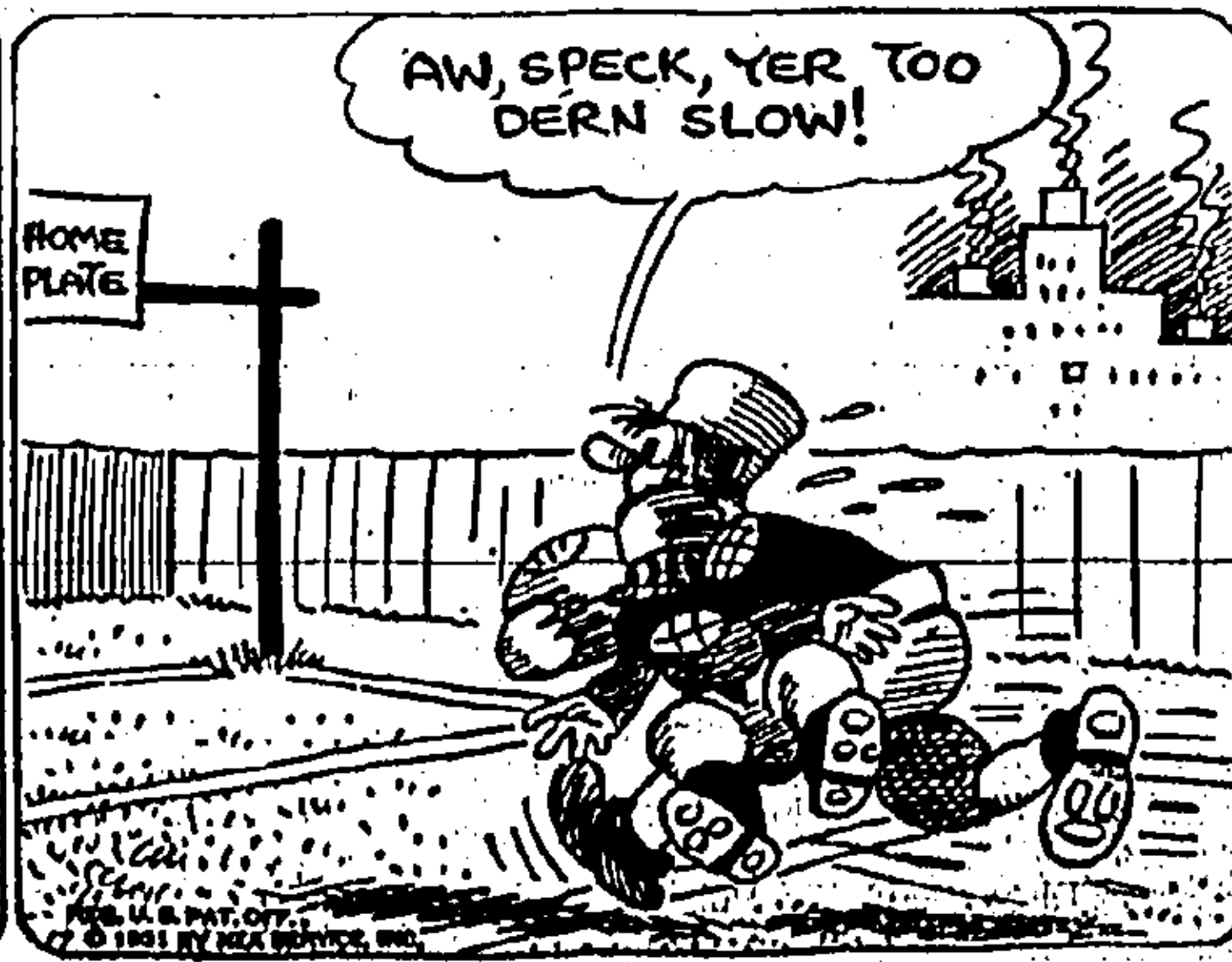
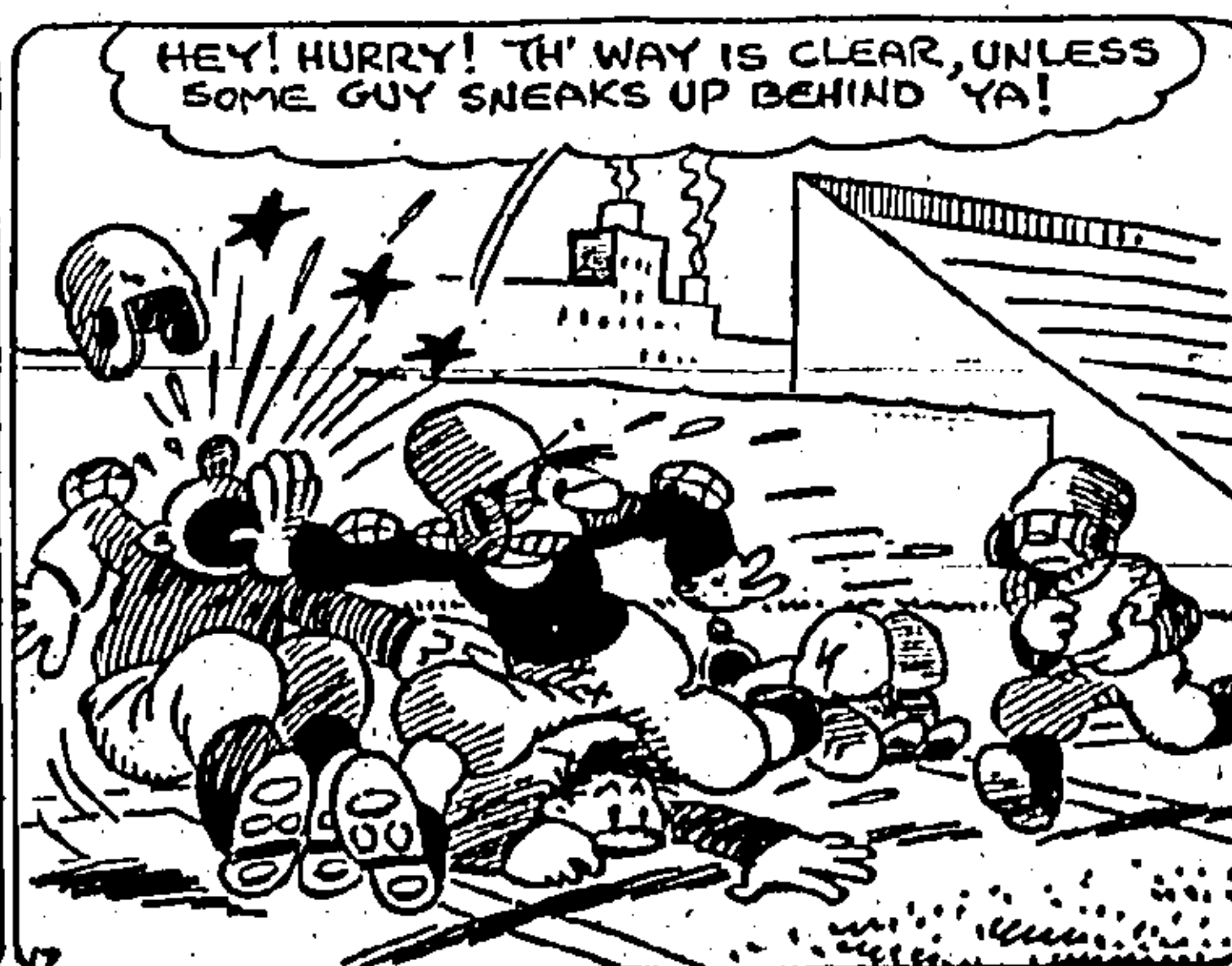
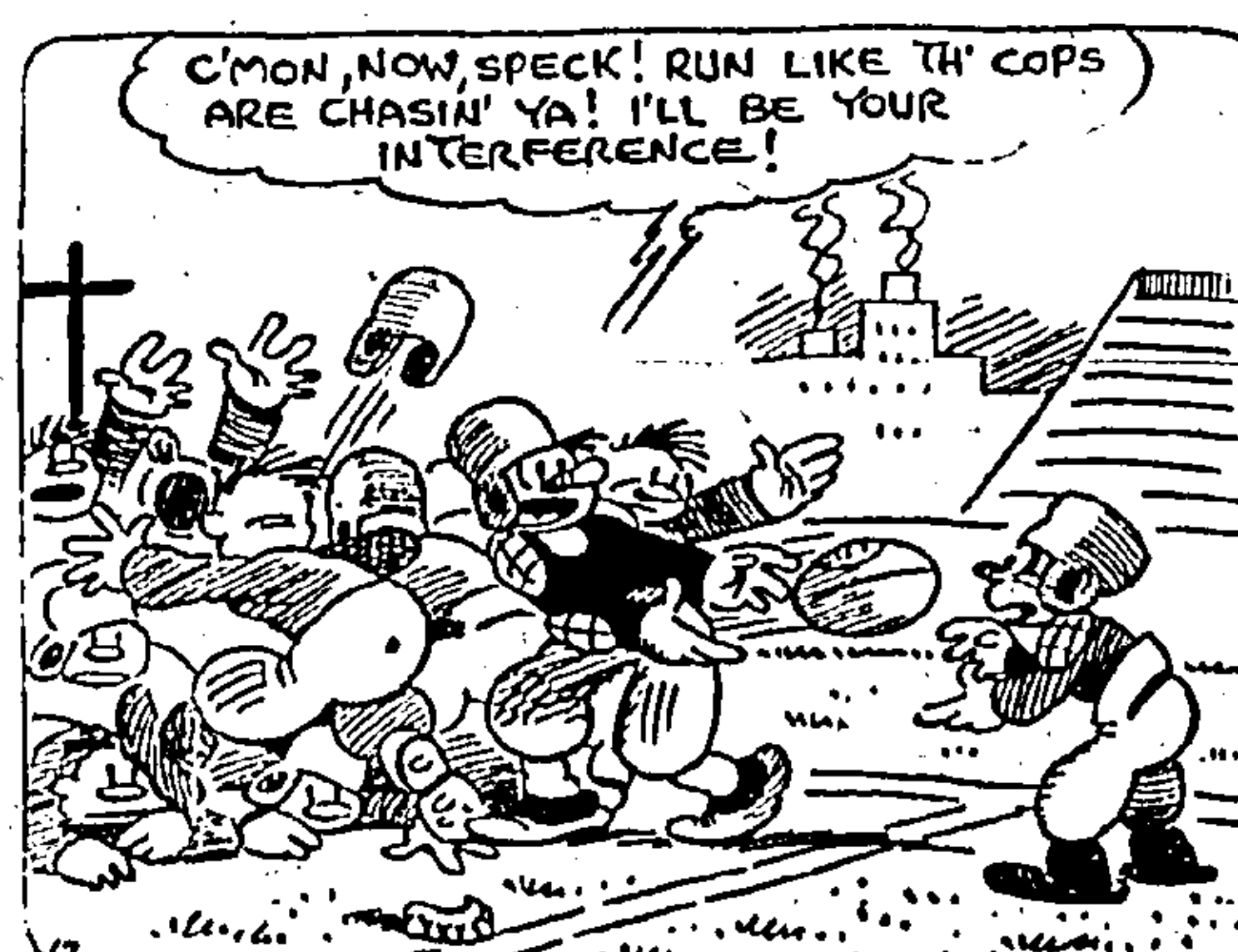
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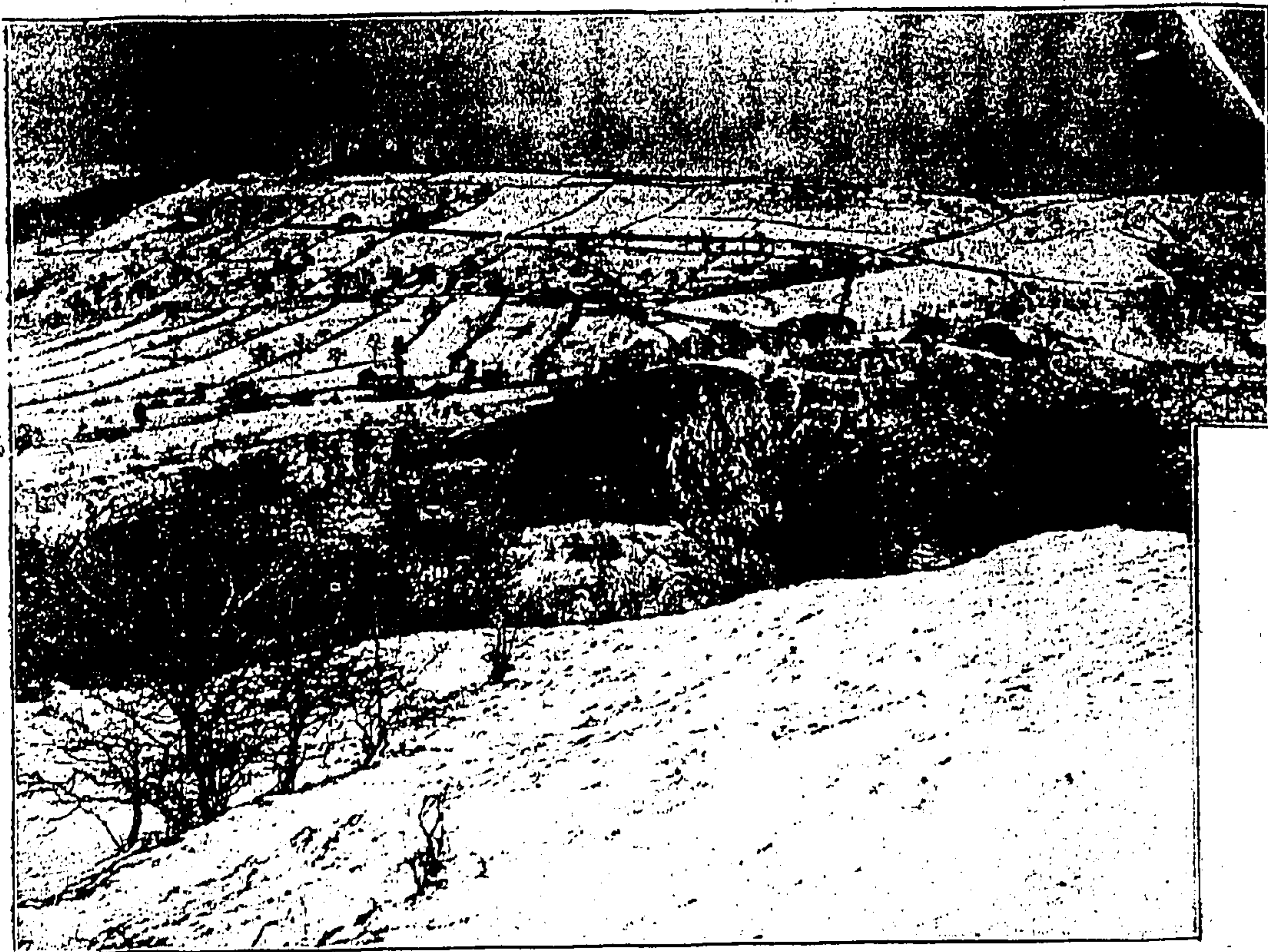
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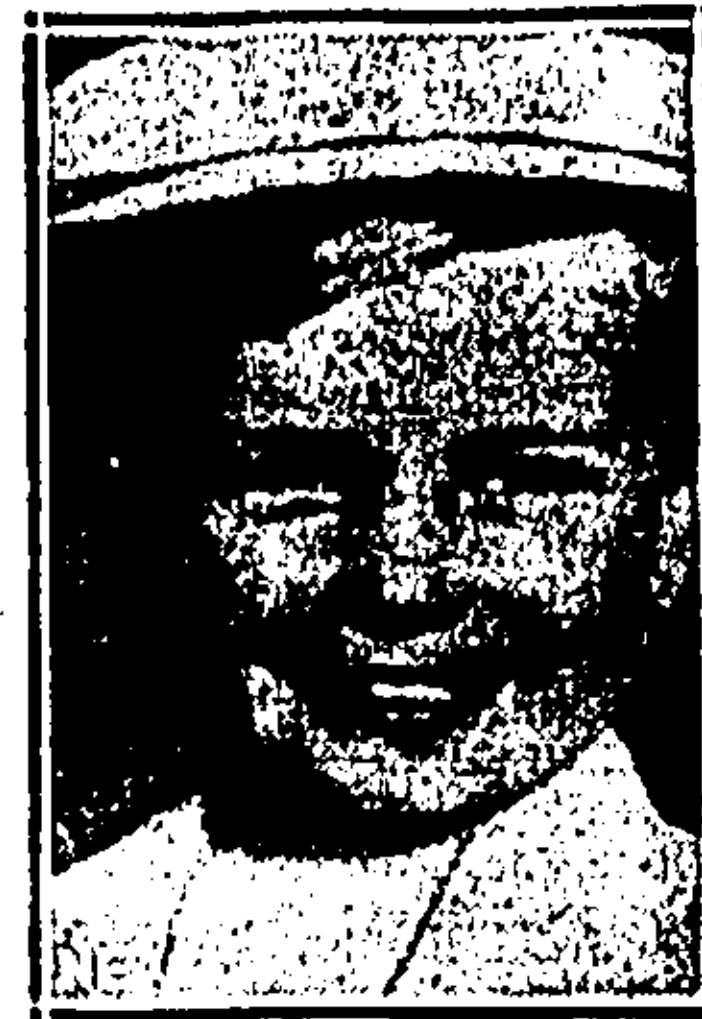
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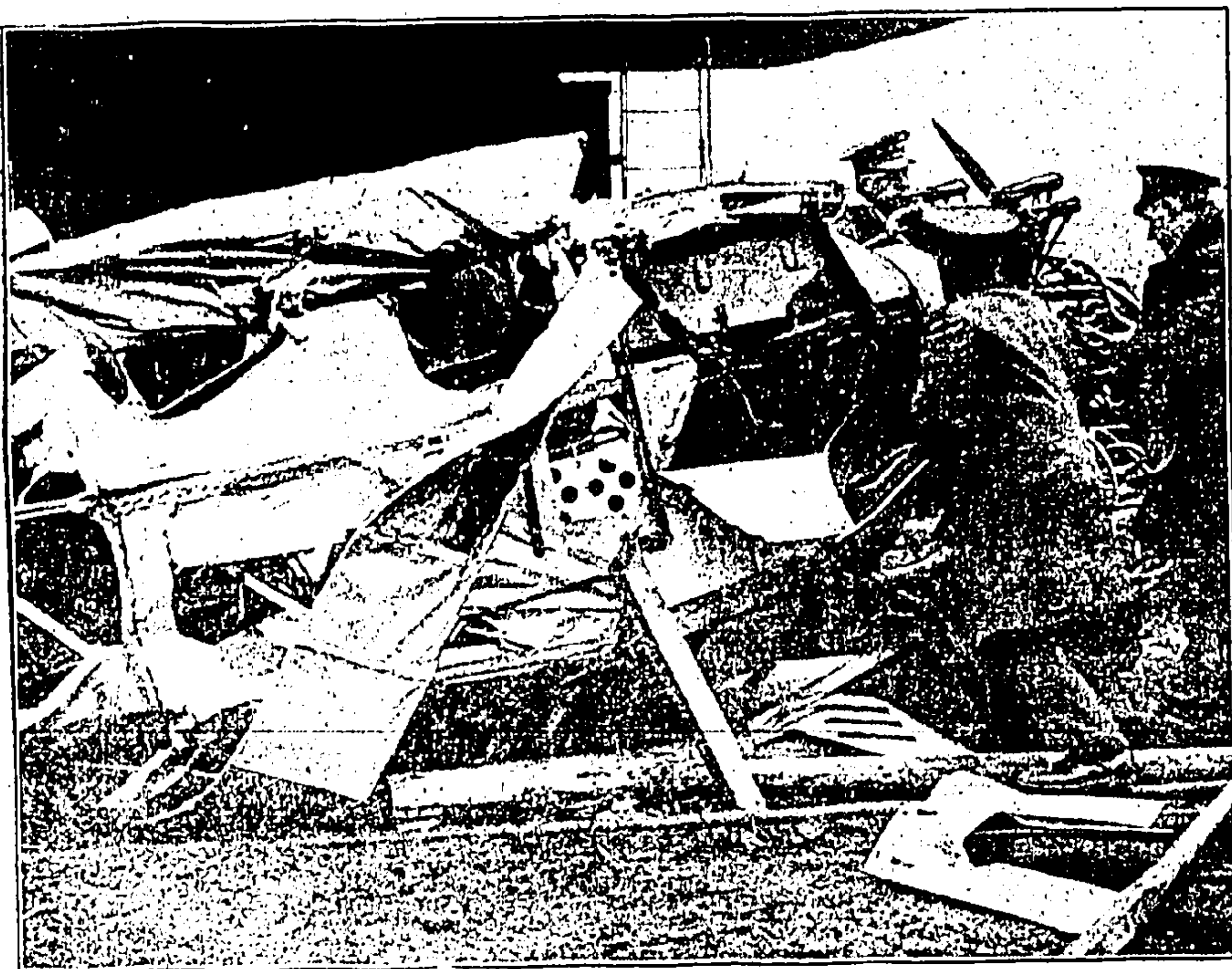
Wintry weather was reported from all parts of the British Isles in mid February. Our photograph shows a view taken from The Rocks at Mallock looking across the valley of the Derwent, with Ribblesdale on the summit of the distant hills.-(Times copyright).



Edouard Maguinay, of Brussels, judged to be the best looking youngster in Europe.



Many parties of young people were sledging on the slopes of Box Hill in Surrey recently, and our picture shows two of the enthusiasts.—
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The seaplane, of the M. 2, which was pulled out by the divers on Feb. 8, was taken to Portland, and our picture shows it being dismantled for inspection by experts.—(Times copyright).

THREE KINDS of LOVE

BEGIN HERE TODAY
 Ann and Cecily Penwick have for years supported their father and mother, a poor, Mary-Frances, and their grandmothers, known as "Rosie" and "Peggy." Because of the smallness of the family income, Ann is unable to marry Phil Elford, young lawyer to whom she is pledged. But Mary-Frances, 22, loves Harry Mackled, an engineer, but when he proposes she refuses to name him as her lover for pure safety's sake. Mary-Frances, 16, and still in school, is up on acquaintance with Earl de Armout, vaudeville dancer, for pure safety's sake tries to persuade her to become his stage partner.
 Phil and Phil quarrel when she hears Little King, who works in Phil's office building, advising her to marry Elford. At the same time, she learns Harry has left town without telling her. She is much disturbed.
 CHAPTER XXXI
 "Well—wasn't there something about his book?" Ann asked.
 "Yes. But that wasn't my fault. Could it possibly be my fault that that hateful creature in New York stole back the last two chapters of Barry's book and said that they had fallen flat? Reasonably, Ann—not because I'm your sister or anything—could that have been my fault?"
 "Darling, of course not. How could it be?"
 "Barry thought it was my fault," Cecily said. "He didn't say so right out; but he acted as if it were my fault. He said that he'd rather have to spend less time with me or more. He meant get married, and he knows I can't right now. He had to blame someone, and he wouldn't blame that wonderful person Mr. Amington, so he blamed me. When Mr. Amington returned the chapters in May, and Barry was seeing me all the time, then, his

praise was so extravagant that Barry said he saw himself in New York quelling the literati with a look and a gesture. And now, just because these aren't so good, he blames me. Maybe he didn't blame me. I don't know. Oh, Ann, Ann, what am I going to do? What am I going to do? What—" "Sh-h-h, honey," said Ann. "I was talking kind of loud then, wasn't I? But that's just because I'm so—so wretched. I don't usually. You said I didn't. Ann, I couldn't have screamed at him, do you think? I don't know. I can't remember. When he wouldn't answer me, and I asked him to answer me, and he said, 'Think of it. Ann—' we came almost 15 miles; and he wouldn't answer me; just drove along with that terrible expression—set and white—on his face. I felt as if I were going crazy. I felt as if I had to make him speak—say anything. I may have raised my voice. Ann, do you suppose I did forget and raise my voice?"
 "Dear, how can I tell? But I can tell this—if he loves you he wouldn't stay away and not try to make up to him because you raised your voice when he was talking to you. If he'd do that, you wouldn't want him, would you, Cecily?"
 "I would. Of course I would. You don't understand. The more I think of it, the more it seems like it was all my fault. And yet—was on first Thursday, and I told you, Mr. Corroy was rude to me



MR. BALDWIN spent a recent week-end at the Bonar Law College at Ashridge Park, where he delivered an address at a conference attended by many back bench Unionist members. He is seen talking to some of the members during the interval. Lord Stonehaven is standing by his side.—
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thunder and lightning, and in consequence she was growing more and more deaf with slamming shut the doors of her mind and locking them securely against the onslaughts of a storm. This evening she closed them more readily than usual by merely saying, "Poor Cissy," and she locked them with a smug, "Silly!" and went to meet Cecily at the top of the stairs.

"Come into the bathroom, honey, and wash your face. It will make you feel better."

"He didn't go to Gretchen's party after all," Cecily said, as she allowed Ann to lead her into the bathroom. "I am a sight!" she declared, and put a still more miserable expression on her face in the mirror while Ann filled the wash basin with water and stole a pinch of pink from Rosalie's bath-salt jar.

"It made all the difference," said Cecily, "whether I didn't wish him to go—he had to go then; or whether he didn't wish to go."

"Men are like that," Ann said, and squeezed a face cloth out of the water, and tried to wash Cecily's face for her.

"Don't. You dah go. I'll do it." She did it thoroughly, splashing and dipping her head to the water like a boy.

"I suppose he left town on Friday," she said, and took the towel Ann handed to her.

"Where did he go?"

"Albany."

"That isn't far. Only about 60 miles, isn't it?"

"I don't know. I wish it were China."

Ann said, "You do?"

"Yes, I do. And then I wouldn't be hoping all the time."

"Don't hope," Ann advised, and florted an eye cup with Grand's bitter acid solution. "What is he doing in Albany, for pity's sakes?"

"I don't want that eye stuff. The new hotel building I told you about. He's been going. He'd talked his uncle out of sending him. Don't—"

"Of course it, Ann."

"Of course you want it. What will you say if Grand or Rosalie asks you what you've been crying about?"

"For once—just once in my life I'll give myself the dear delight of telling them it is none of their business."

"Coccy! I must say! You won't make yourself any happier, dear, by being mean and making other people unhappy."

"My word, Ann, you do preach, don't you?"

"I'm sorry. It is contagious, maybe. Did you have an overdose of it at supper this evening?"

"I didn't go down. Mary-Frances set it out for them."

"I'm hungry," Ann said. "Let's go down and find something."

"I couldn't eat. I couldn't think"

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NEW ADVERTISEMENT

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the members will be held in the Board Room of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on Tuesday, the 29th of March, 1932, at 5.30 p.m.

By order
B. D. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, beg to give notice that by an Indenture of Assignment dated the 14th day of March, 1932, the business of O. Kitchell & Co., heretofore carried on by the undersigned Omar Kitchell at No. 5 Queen's Road, Central, as Sharebrokers together with all book debts goodwill and the seat on the Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association and all other assets of the said business were assigned to the undersigned Armin Kitchell absolutely for the consideration therein mentioned. The said assignment is to take effect as from the 9th day of December last.

All debts contracts engagements and other obligations of the said firm have been taken over and will be discharged by the undersigned Armin Kitchell.

All connections of the undersigned Omar Kitchell and his power to sign for the firm will cease as from the date hereof.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1932.

O. KITCHELL,
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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Managers have (with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company) obtained at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March 1932, made a Call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1932, to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

That the General Managers have (with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee) determined to employ the sum of \$400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March, 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

Should any Shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said Call on the 30th day of March, 1932, the General Managers will on the 31st day of March, 1932, apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 16th day of March 1932, to the 30th day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1932.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 43rd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 12th March, 1932, to Thursday, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 31st MARCH 1932, at 11 a.m. for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th to the 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1932.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1932, at 12 Noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931, to elect Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 23rd day of March, 1932, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1932.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, at 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March 1932, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:—

That there shall be added to Article 71 of the Articles of Association of the Company the words:—

"but the Chairman shall receive double remuneration."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., will be held at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 13th day of April 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above-mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the abovementioned Resolution.

Dated this second day of March 1932.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room, 3rd Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 24th March, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Monday, 14th March, 1932, until Thursday, 24th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. L. KING,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.,
Hongkong, 9th March, 1932.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong), on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

Irving Pichel was born in Pittsburgh, the natal date being June 21, graduated from Central High School in that city, and from Harvard in 1914. Entered Harvard to study medicine but that course permitted scant time to earn expenses through outside work and he switched from medicine to liberal arts. The germ of an ambition to become a stage director came when he enrolled as a charter member of the "47 Workshop," Harvard's famous historical organization. Active in the Harvard Dramatic Club four years, served a year as editor of the Harvard Monthly. In spare time did dramatic reviews for the Boston Transcript. After graduation made his stage debut in "Hamlet" with the Castle Square Stock Company in Boston. Went to Pittsburgh for six months with the Harry Davis Stock Company. Organized a Little Theatre movement in St. Paul and directed and produced plays there. Then assisted James K. Hackett in Shakespearean productions in New York. In 1916 he went to California and with Alvin Barnard produced plays in Los Angeles. While in this work he met Violette Wilson, a stage actress from Berkeley California, and married her. With the bride he appeared a season at the Artists Guild Theatre in St. Louis. After the World War he devoted a season to the Little Theatre at Detroit and there won national prominence as a stage director for Lee Shubert. Declined post as director general of the Theatre Guild because he wanted to establish his home in Berkeley's Little Theatre in which the first Eugene O'Neill plays were presented. Served in the same role for Santa Barbara, then for a year occupied the place of dramatic critic for the San Francisco Daily News. Also lectured on theatres at the various West Coast schools. Is author of "Modern Theatres," widely used as a text in university dramatic courses. Accepted an offer from Metro-Goldwyn to write and direct six months' running screen plays. Decided acting suited him better than writing and accepted Paramount's offer for "The Right to Love" with Ruth Chatterton. Clicked at once and his later work in "Murder by the Clock," "Road to Reno" and "American Tragedy" portended him capable of excellent portrayals in divergent types of roles. Likes his part in "The Cheat" which is now showing at the King's Theatre better than any he has had. Has three sons and six feet tall. Weighs 185 pounds and has brown hair and eyes.

"Young As You Feel."

Fifi Dornay is the one girl in all the world who can even approach Will Rogers at his own game, wisecracking. Their first day together on the set during the filming of "Young As You Feel," Rogers' latest Fox starring success which opens at the King's Theatre next Sunday, was filled with a constant exchange of cracks until they had reestablished their old friendship started during their work in "They Had to See Paris," the picture in which they both scored their first talking screen triumphs.

"I can keep with her as long as she talks straight American," Rogers explained to the amused cast, "but when she starts slipping in them French phrases on me I sometimes have to stop a minute to figure out just what she means. No Sir, I got to take my French like I take a wild cayenne, slow and easy."

In the picture, also Rogers, as Len Morehouse, dyspeptic old widower, has to stop many times to catch his second wind, as Fifi in her portrayal of Fleurette leads him along the fast road that makes young people old and old people young.

Fifi heads the distinguished cast seen in support of Rogers in this screen adaptation of George Ade's famous play, "Father and The Boys." Others include Lucien Littlefield, Donald Dillaway, Terrance Ray, Ronald Roy, Lucile Browne and Brandon Hurst. Frank Borzage, who directed "They Had to See Paris," directed this latest Will Rogers success.

Douglas Fairbanks Novelty.

A new type of screen entertainment is being evolved. Douglas Fairbanks is the man who has taken the film public with the fantastic romances and adventures of such films as the "Thief of Baghdad," "Three Musketeers" and "Robin Hood" is introducing the newest innovation at the

JAPANESE CABINET.

MR. INUKAI TO ASSUME HOME AFFAIRS.

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

Contrary to expectations Mr. Inukai has decided to take the portfolio of Home Affairs himself, in succession to Mr. Nakahara, who resigned, consequently there are no other changes in the Cabinet composition.

Apparently this last minute change of decision is due to internal dissension in the Solyukai ranks.

Mr. Inukai will be installed this afternoon.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Information has been received that the Siberian route is untried and the service by this route will accordingly be resumed forth with.

The Public are, however, warned that, as this Service is somewhat precarious and still liable to suspension without notice, letters will only be accepted at senders' risks. In the event of the service being again suspended all letters will be forwarded via Suez.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

It is notified for the information of holders of Private Boxes at the General Post Office that on and after 1st February no taxed correspondence will be placed in the Boxes. A notification will be substituted and Box-holders are requested to call or send for the correspondence at the Box-holders' Lobby and there pay the amount of the Tax against the delivery of the letters or packets.

The Parcel Post Service to Shanghai and North China is fully resumed as from to-day.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	March 18.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 27th February)	Empress of Asia	March 18.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London, 18th February	Hakone Maru	March 18.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 27th February)	Katori Maru	March 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Chakamang	March 18.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	March 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Tatsuta Maru	March 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 19th February)	Pres. Adams	March 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Hiye Maru	March 20.
Rangoon	Warfield	March 20.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 20th February)	Pres. Wilson	March 21.
Calcutta and Straits	Talamba	March 23.
Japan	Santos Maru	March 23.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 25th February and Parrels, 18th February	Rawalpindi	March 23.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	March 25.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 5th March)	Pres. Madison	March 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	March 25.
Shanghai and Japan	Felix Roussel	March 25.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Thurs., Mar. 17, 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Heikou	Thurs., Mar. 17, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Sul Sang	Thurs., Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Taipei	Fri., Mar. 18.
	Parrels	Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 18, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Mar. 18, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island, 20th Mar.)	
Holhow	Menado Maru	Fri., Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Fri., Mar. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjinegara	Fri., Mar. 18, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Mar. 18, 1 p.m.
Holhow	Canton	Fri., Mar. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tainan	Fri., Mar. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Fri., Mar. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Japan	Hakone Maru	Fri., Mar. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	President Jefferson	Fri., Mar. 18.
	Parrels	Mar. 18, 4.15 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 18, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C., 6th April)	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Jefferson	Fri., Mar. 18.
	Reg.	Mar. 18, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Mar. 18, 6 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Katori Maru Sat., Mar. 19.

K.P.O.
Reg., Mar. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Letters, Mar. 19, 9 a.m.
G.P.O.
Reg., Mar. 19, 8.45 a.m.
Letters, Mar. 19, 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles, 17th April)

Holhow and Bangkok Sat., Mar. 19, 8.30 p.m.
Manila Pres. Adams Sat., Mar. 19, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kwangchow Sun., Mar. 20, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fermoan Hozon Maru Sun., Mar. 20, 9 a.m.
Batavia Tjondari Tues., Mar. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiyang Tues., Mar. 22, 1 p.m.
Manila Pres. Wilson Tues., Mar. 22, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow Hangsang Tues., Mar. 22, 6 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India Mauritius, East and South Africa and *South American ports Santos Maru

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Ning Fri., Mar. 25, 10 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Rajputana Sat., Mar. 26.

K.P.O.
Parrels 25th, 9 a.m.
Reg., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
Letters, Mar. 26, 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parrels 25th, 10 a.m.
Reg., Mar. 26, 9.45 a.m.
Letters, Mar. 26, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles, 22nd April)

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island Atsuta Maru Sat., Mar. 26.

Reg., Mar. 26, 8.45 a.m.
Letters, Mar. 26, 9.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island 7th April)

Sandakan Yusang Sat., Mar. 26, 10 a.m.

*Straits and Calcutta Yusang Sat., Mar. 26.

Parrels 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

*Superscribed Correspondence only.

Central Theatre on Saturday, 9th, embody the life and manners of the people of foreign lands, showing how they live, rich and poor, famous and humble. In Japan and Hawaii the star was taken to native and tribal feasts, witnessing marriages and funerals with their attendant ceremony and symbolism. In Siam he was entertained in the palace of King Prajadibonjad, he was the guest of the Maharajah, where he was the honoured guest. In a leopard shot. In India he sailed the sacred river Ganges and glimpsed the native pilgrims who believe that to die in its waters is to achieve immortality, and merely to bathe there is to obtain relief from worldly ills. Through all the records as it appears on the screen, however, is a leaven of humor, witty observations of a man who has sought amusement as well as education, and seeks to pass it on to his public. In preparing and editing this film Doug has the aid of Robert Sherwood, celebrated play-wright and humorist.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1,465 n.
Chartered Bank, \$13 n.
Mercantile A. and B., £20 n.
East Asia, \$121 n.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1,350 n.
Union Ins., \$445 n.
China Underwriters, \$4.10 n.
China Fire, \$590 n.
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Union Waterboats, \$25 n.

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Benquet, \$11.75 n.
Kailash, 30½ n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.10 n.
Rauha, \$39 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$144½ n.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old), \$4.90 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 2.20 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90½ n.

Cottons.
Eva Cottons, Tls. 14.50 n.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80½ n.
Zoon Singa Tls. 11½ n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
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H. K. S. Hotel (new), \$13.60 n.
H. K. Lands, \$74 n.
Shai Lands, Tls. 27 n.
Hampshire, \$18 n.
Realities, \$9.90 n.

Public Utilities.
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Peak Trams, (old), \$15.60 n.
Star Ferries, \$89½ n.
China Lights, \$20.10 n.
H. K. Electric, \$73 n.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$41 n.
China Busco, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Tractions, 3½ n.

Industrials.
Malabons, \$22 n.
Canton Ice, \$6 n.
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Entertainments (old), \$15½ n.
Constructions (old), \$5.25 n.
S. C. Enterprises \$10 n.
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Constructions (new), \$1.75 n.

CHINESE Y.W.C.A.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

At a full and enthusiastic meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. the first gathering following the annual meeting, the following officers for the current year were elected:

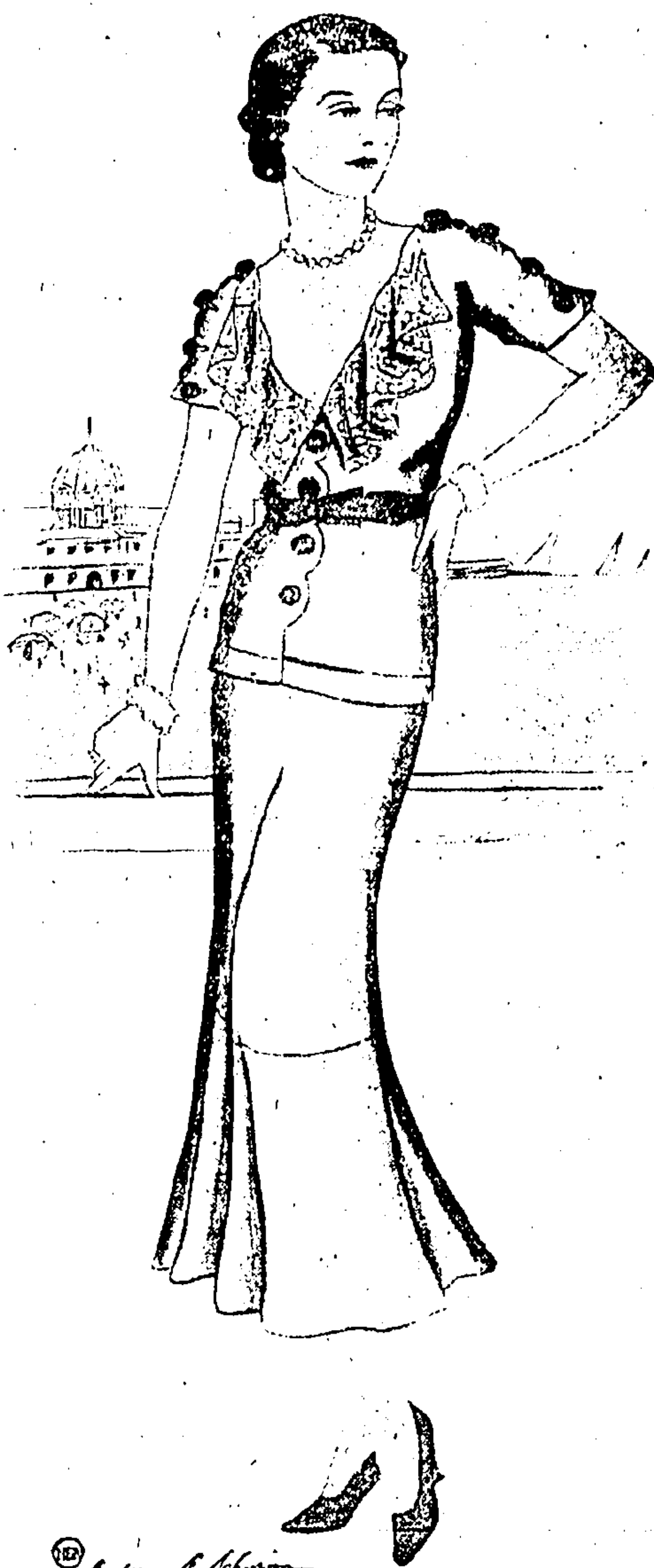
President, Miss F. C. Woo, (O.B.E.), Vice President, Miss Wong Yu-yen; Secretary, Mrs. S. F. Tan; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. N. S. Choy; and Treasurer, Mrs. Wong Kwok-shuen.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Tso in a few well chosen remarks, thanked Mrs. Ma Wing-chun, the retiring President, for her many years of faithful and devoted service and expressed great satisfaction that Mrs. Ma was continuing as a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Hospital Committee, thus giving the Association the benefit of her valuable advice and service. Mrs. Tso then welcomed Miss Woo as the new President of the Board and assured her of the full co-operation of each of the members.

WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

UNUSUAL SHADE COMBINATIONS USED.



(By Joan Savoy.)

Among other things you should use in your wardrobe this spring is plenty of contrast. It always is refreshing and thus has a spring-like quality in itself. But, of course, it must be done with taste and discretion.

Colour contrast, done skillfully, is one of this spring's best costume tonics. You see greens and blues going along together in a stimulating way that puts no teeth on edge. You see pinks mixed with reds and making a grand go of it.

One of the smartest outfits of this contrasting variety that is to be seen to date combines a baby pink with the new vivid orange that has more than a dash of pink in it. It is a roughish silk two-piece frock and fits like a glove. While most skirts fail to hold fashion interest, leaving it all to the waists, necklines and sleeves, this dress expresses itself as having real individuality in its circular flounce.

The blouse has scalloped edges, with wooden buttons in this orange tone I spoke of, and the suede belt flaunts the same enlivening tone. The sleeves button up the tops, the waist down the centre, and a lace frill, in cream coloured lace, makes it quite a frock indeed.

LOVELY EYES.

If the lashes and brows are too light for the colour of the face, use an eyebrow pencil and eye-lash paint according to the instructions enclosed with these cosmetics. Otherwise they should not be necessary except for evening. Arch the eyebrows by brushing. Eyelids may be powdered with eye shadow to tone with the colour of the eyes, but contrasting with the colour of the skin. Only the faintest tinge is necessary. Mauve eye shadow beneath the eyes will help if the skin is wrinkled.

BEAUTY HINTS.

(By Alicia Hart.)

No lady likes the thoughts of being slapped in the face.

But if you crave keeping your cheeks young and firm, you will see to it that you slap yourself morning and night!

There is nothing so efficacious for stirring up sluggish circulation and giving relaxed muscles a renewed sense of duty as a nice slap twice a day.

The times to slap yourself are when you are taking your morning bath and when you give yourself your nightly facial.

After you have thoroughly cleansed your face and used an astringent and given it nourishing cream, begin the slapping.

Have plenty of nourishing cream on your face as you slap for this massages it in and makes it more beneficial.

Don't slap too hard but do a firm, staccato slap with the fingers of your right hand on your left cheek, your left hand on your right cheek and both hands, alternating, up under your chin.

You will find your left hand no where near so efficacious as your right. It is a good idea to substitute your right hand for your left every now and then in slapping the right side of your face just so it comes out even with your left!

Always slap upwards. Do it for several seconds, until your face tingles. Not too hard, as I warned before, for too strenuous swats might break the fine blood-vessels just below the surface of your skin.

In the morning when you step under the shower, when you turn on the cold water to finish off, begin slapping your face again, with the cold water splashing on it. This time you need no cream, just use the water as an astringent and slap each cheek and under the chin about a minute's worth each. The way your face will respond to these slaps is amazing. But you won't see results for several months. Just slap on faith and you will be rewarded!

HANDKERCHIEFS.

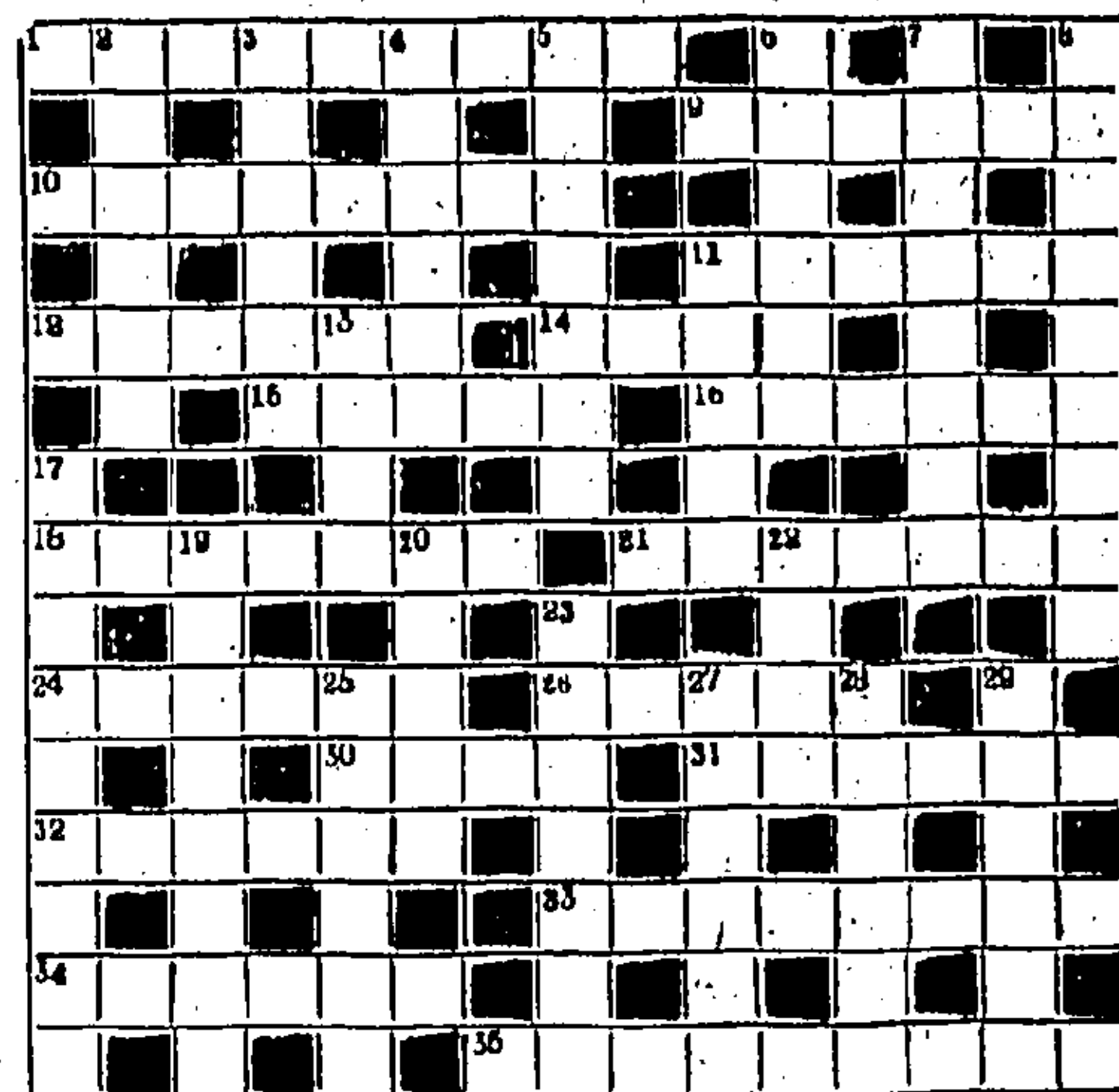
Handkerchiefs will always be beautifully white if the peel of used lemons is put into the water in which they are boiled. They will appear to turn yellow, but when rinsed and dried will be found to be quite white.

Of Pebble Straw.



A little turban of black, pebble straw is trimmed with a flattering bow of angel ribbon.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 Very unsymmetrical, but not so much after the blance mangle.
- 9 "Virtue may flourish in an old cravat, But man and—scorn the shocking hat."—Holmes, "A Rhymed Lesson."
- 10 When the body has been discovered take measure to complete the slaughter.
- 11 A gas-fire doesn't require one.
- 12 Four letters are in this river for ever.
- 14 and so is this bird.
- 15 Shivering is an alternative to dress. Personally I'd rather dress.
- 16 Most in accord with fact.
- 18 I prophesy that the end comes by the left side.
- 21 Little short of cutters.
- 24 Not so difficult whatever you may say of the other clues.
- 26 Sphere of influence—or some of it.
- 30 Though far from fashionable this girl should wear well—which ought to be a comfort to her.
- 31 Dressed building stone.
- 32 More than fifty falsehoods may look charming in the garden.
- 33 Put out.
- 34 There's a score to the good in this age.
- 35 Fine stuff for building houses, but why do they use granite in Aberdeen when this is available?

Down

- 2 When these rise with the sun, rain is said to threaten.
- 3 Worry.
- 4 Tight before this, in Edwardian times, was the order of the day. It must be seen to be appreciated.
- 6 This is kept going by its magazine, and, notwithstanding its

suggestion of cattiness, issues quite a good report.

7 By all means have a drop in front of the cupboard, if you must, but do keep the matter secret.

8 Listeners (anag.).

11 Fruit.

13 The weariest worker will face this ascent with equanimity.

17 There's something rocking about the sound of a ball. Perhaps you've noticed it as invoking aid?

19 Next to red oxide of iron a fish makes a whispering sound.

20 Popular actor.

22 Its about the Royal Institution and takes in a pupil.

23 Study the trip well in outline.

25 Turns out.

27 Thwart: and just as useful in a salience as in a boat.

28 One of the British Isles—but look out for a trap.

29 There is a coward hiding in this cave.

Yesterday's Solution.

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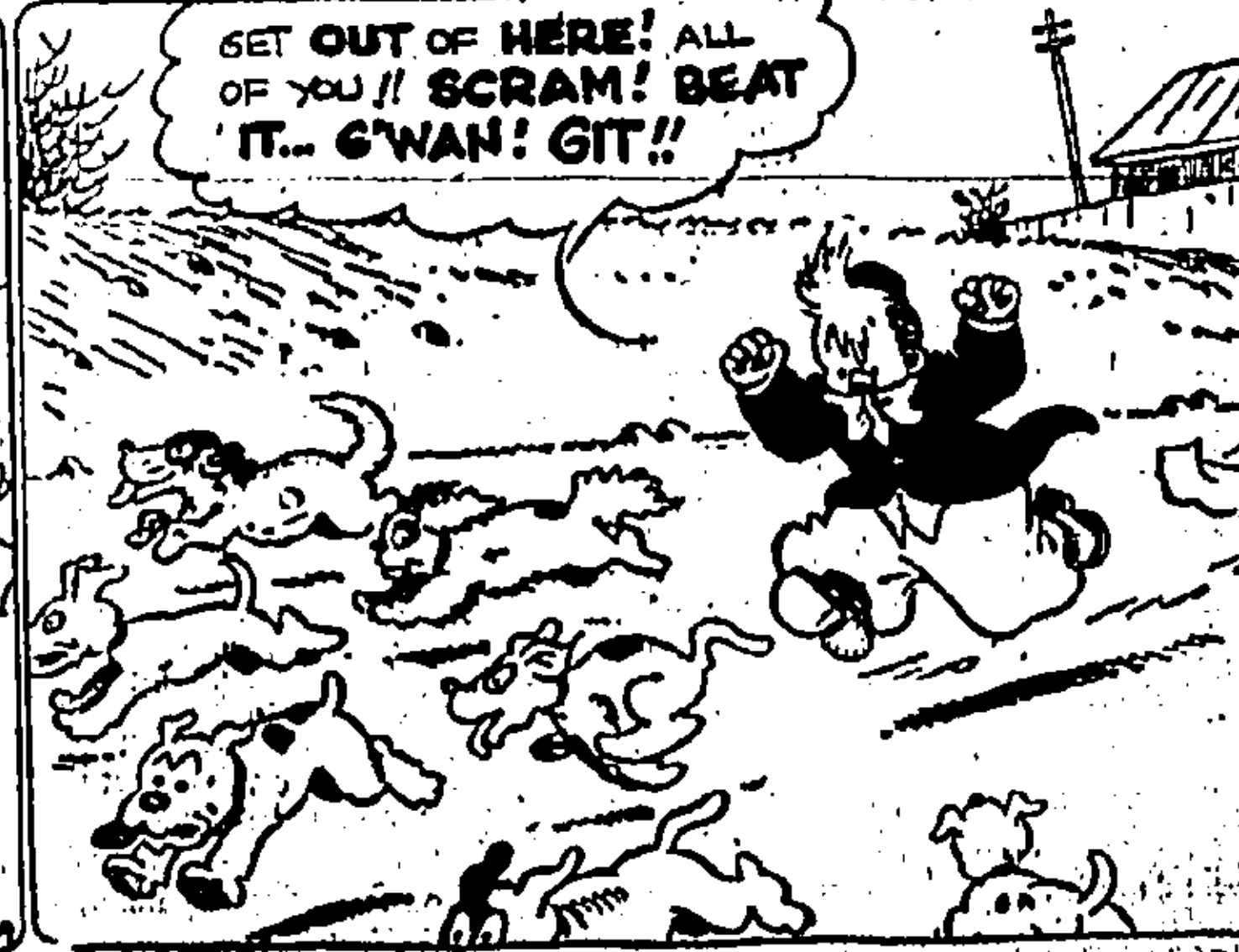
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THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1932.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

It is quite conceivable that recent developments in the Far East may explain in part the British Admiralty's anxiety over the rather unsatisfactory state of affairs regarding the Singapore naval base. By reason of financial stringency and other circumstances, including the Labour Government's dilly-dallying with the project, the scheme has been slow in maturing. Even now, it is pointed out, the completion of the present contract will not result in the establishing of a fully-equipped, up-to-date base. Those who realise the need of such a naval centre, for the due and proper protection of British trade, strongly hope that the Government will now go forward with the whole project and see that no further delays are experienced. The cost, we believe something in the region of thirty millions sterling, is heavy, but it is essential that British naval forces in the East should have a modern centre from which to radiate.

With the passage of time, we are apt to forget that the Singapore base scheme dates from a period some considerable time before the War. At the Imperial Conference of 1909, and again at the Conference of 1911, it was agreed with the Dominions that a Pacific Fleet of the Empire should be created consisting of three fleet units, each consisting of one capital ship, three cruisers, and appropriate auxiliary craft; and that this Pacific Fleet should have its headquarters at Singapore. At that time Britain was in definite alliance with Japan, and was on friendly terms with Russia, and the proposal was regarded as in no way aggressive, in relation either to those two countries or any other country. Under the influence of the menace of the North Sea, the carrying out of this scheme was suspended, but was not abandoned. When the naval situation had again become normal the situation was reviewed by the Board of Admiralty, with Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty as First Sea Lord. As Mr. Amery then explained, "All that the Baldwin administration, in agreement with the Coalition Government over which Mr. Lloyd George presided, aimed at doing was to restore the mobility of the Fleet in virtue of two great changes affecting its mobility." One of these was the supersession of coal by oil, and the other was the increased size of ships of the line, which was enormously affected by the necessity of bulging them in order to deal with the submarine, a development which has affected the docking not only of battleships, but also of battle cruisers and aircraft carriers.

The provision of better facilities at Singapore for docking and repairing ships is merely an ordinary measure of insurance of British trade and British territories. Every year trade to the value of £1,000,000,000 passes through the Pacific Ocean, around which three-fourths of the population of the Empire live. This great volume of trade is the life-blood of the British peoples, and Singapore is the one point from which that floating wealth can be protected. It is, moreover, a grave admission that at present Britain cannot send an adequate fleet to the assistance of New Zealand or Australia, whatever crisis may arise. The only route by which help can go to the Southern Dominions is by way of Singapore, and that base cannot accommodate sixteen of the large vessels of the Fleet. "Once the Fleet is at Singapore, it already covers," as Mr. Amery, reflecting responsible naval opinion, has observed, "the approach to these Dominions, and is in the best position to provide them with security." That is only one aspect of the question. Other and equally vital considerations are involved. It would be a tragedy if the same policy of laissez-faire were pursued in relation to this scheme as was followed before the war with regard to Scapa Flow and the other bases on the North Sea which had to be hurriedly developed after the outbreak of hostilities—leaving the British Fleet for many months exposed to the gravest danger.

Future of the Public School.

The recent conference of British public school head masters at Godalming, focuses attention upon a not unimportant social evolution in the United Kingdom. The public school is losing the exclusive position it has occupied for centuries as the main place of education for middle-class Britons. National schools supported by the state, and hence much less expensive, have become so numerous and so efficient as to challenge time-honoured advantages long associated with the privately financed public school. Eton, Harrow, Winchester, Rugby, Charterhouse and a cohort of similarly famous institutions are still filled to their utmost capacity, but this is more because of the fine traditions with which they are associated than because they offer training superior to that available to boys of good ability in the government-aided schools. Both sets of institutions send scholars to the universities, where the proportion drawn from the national side has been growing progressively. The public schools are thus faced with effective competition and the Godalming Conference examined what would be done to meet this. Dr. Alington, headmaster of Eton, spoke a need for "drastic revision." He also asked pertinently, "What do we hope for in the education of the average boy?" The answer he gave was one that commanded itself to all those present. It was that the function of the public school should be to teach accuracy and to train the powers of curiosity and observation rather than to accumulate specific knowledge. Dr. Cyril Norwood, headmaster of Harrow, added the suggestion that the present system of examination of those boys whose careers are bound up with industry and commerce. What is needed, he argued, is not to store up information, but to develop innate powers. The public school, as the especial seminary for what once was, but happily no longer is, a class by itself, still has useful work to perform. Its role is to set the highest possible standard of educational excellence and thus to provide an object lesson in the shape of the best teaching that private enterprise can afford. Traditions handed down from antiquity can thus be enlisted for the common good. Public schools are still in the van of British educational advance. But the main body has closed up behind them and the change is altogether advantageous. The Godalming conference points to acceleration of the general march by emulation among the leading files.

The Tenth Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., is advertised to take place in the Board Room of Messrs. Sheppard, Toms & Co., 51, George Street, on Tuesday, April 5, at noon.

DAY BY DAY

THE DEEPEST DISGRACE IS TO INSIST ON DOING WORK FOR WHICH WE ARE UNFIT—TO DO WORK OF ANY SORT BADLY.—George Eliot.

The steam launch "Elsie" was put up for auction by Messrs. Lammert Brothers yesterday afternoon, but as there were no bids, it was withdrawn from sale.

The Ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is advertised to be held in the Office of the Company, on Thursday, March 31, at 11 a.m.

Mrs. M. P. Talati will speak on "The Great Law" at the usual weekly public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 17, Queen's Road Central, to-day at 8 p.m.

Money and miscellaneous articles to the total value of \$47 were stolen yesterday from Miss E. Butler's bedroom at "Glenthorn," Kimberley Road, according to a report received by the police.

"The Cheat," which had its first showings at the King's Theatre yesterday, is a film which no-one should miss. Lavishly produced, with some remarkably fine effects, it is also noteworthy for the fine acting of Tallulah Bankhead and Irving Pichel. The former is seen in one of her strongest roles, while the latter, a newcomer to the screen, greatly impresses by his clever work.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning a man named Li Hon-tak was charged with theft of a blanket from the Wo Ping Boarding House. Detective Sergeant Meadow said defendant went into the boarding house yesterday, and walked up to the third floor where he entered a room and took away the blanket which he tried to hide under his clothes. In sentencing the defendant to two months' imprisonment, Mr. Fraser said, "It is amazing that he could get away with a thing like that."

During a raid on the eighth floor of Gloucester Building yesterday, sixteen Chinese of the coolie class were arrested by a party of police for playing fan-tan. Eight of the men appeared before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning and were each fined \$3 whilst the remainder who failed to appear had their bail of \$3 each forfeited. In another gambling raid at 316, Queen's Road, a number of men who appeared before Mr. Worsley were each fined \$3, while two keepers were fined \$50 each. A sum of \$12.77 which was picked up was ordered to be confiscated for the Poor Box.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pencreath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1933 5/11½ down ¼d.
May 1933 5/2½ down ¼d.
August 1933 5/5½ down ¼d.
December 1933 5/8½ down ¼d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ¼d-½d more.

New York Terminals.

March 1933 1.92 down 1 pt.
May 1933 .77 down 1 pt.
July 1933 .83 down 1 pt.
September 1933 .89 down 2 pts.
December 1933 .95 no change.



"Of course I get discouraged. I turn out a swell-looking job and nobody ever sees it."

FAVOUR'D DARLINGS
IN BUSINESS.

By A YOUNG MAN.

"Oh he has someone behind him!"

Have you noticed how common the phrase is? Have you ever used similar words to explain the meteoric rise of some business colleague more fortunate than yourself? I have, many a time. But did we ever really mean it, or is it simply a stock formula which serves to hide that tinge of envy that comes to the best of us on occasion?

Surely there must be some justification, you say, for such an oft-repeated phrase. "Sour grapes" cannot always be held responsible for the knowing smile and the familiar chorus.

You are perfectly right! The Hongkong business world is saturated with "influence" and it is steadily getting worse. And unless something is speedily done to stop this vampire which is sapping the life-blood of our commercial life, we may say farewell to transient thoughts of prosperity.

Those Who Get On.

Let us take a rapid mental survey of the fellows we know who have "got on" exceptionally well. Let us be absolutely honest, and leave out of account those of whom we were, perhaps, slightly jealous or those against whom we had some small private grudge. How many of the remainder had sufficient sheer business ability, driving-power and acumen to entitle them to that promotion? The result is rather startling, is it not?

There are very few youngsters who have any hope of even getting a good job unless they have someone (significant word!) to speak for them. I had just such a gentle push to start me on my business career and probably you had, too. If we were as good as the next fellow, no great harm was done. Unfortunately, it is quite possible that the next fellow had more real ability than we—but he never got the chance to use it. He had no influence.

Then take the clerks in your office. Line them up in your mind's eye and give them a straightforward race for promotion, without handicaps and without favours. Young Smith wins easily, doesn't he? Yet, ten to one, in five years' time he will still be slopping away at the same old desk in the same old office, while Brown, who dropped out of your mental race before the second lap, is now occupying a swivel chair in that elegant room upstairs.

"But then, you see, Brown is . . . Yes, I know! And, of course, the business was made for man, not man for the business. But did you ever notice how many prosperous firms built up by years of patient, unremitting labour, sink gradually into oblivion? Did you ever wonder why?"

The Favour'd Darling.

Here is a firm which, owing to trade depression, recently dismissed several men. There was no work for them, and therefore this action was perfectly justified. Strangely enough, however, the relative of a director was not only

retained but a new post was actually created for him. He is "assistant manager" of some department or other, and his present salary would more than pay that batch of dismissed disillusioned youngsters.

This seems a curious kind of economy, for that lucky fellow can hardly find work enough to fill in the day. And, mind you, he is by no means brilliant. He has, in fact, little to commend him except a good appearance, but he is one of our future taipans.

Now his father started life at the bottom, and every penny he owns is the direct result of well-applied ability. Why not make his son face the world on the same footing? And what is going to be the future of that firm when this junior takes over the reins?

Through the Mill.

One might multiply examples of this sort indefinitely—we all know plenty of them. It is a truism that human nature never appreciates that which comes without hard striving, be it a responsible business position, a lady's favour, or a place in the school fifteen. You cannot expect a man to put his back into a job unless he has been through the mill to get it; and we need men who will put not only their back, but their whole soul into the struggle.

It may seem a harsh thing to say, but unless a fellow shows distinct signs at least of willingness and the desire to make good, unless he takes a real interest in his job, he ought to be cleared out at once, irrespective of his social standing. Give every man an even break in the fight for promotion! It is simply common-sense, but it would revolutionise local practice if it were put into practice.

The preferential system is fast breeding a type of discontented worker that is a very real danger to business life. "What's the use?" they say. "We have no one to back us up, so we might as well take it easy. It makes no difference in the long-run." And you and I, in our heart of hearts, must perform admit that they are to some extent in the right.

THE SORT OF MAN.

I am the sort of man . . .

To whom women come for advice about love, and never for love itself.

Who has gained a miserable reputation for wit: who is pestered to display it, and of whom people say, "That dreadful person—always trying to be funny."

Who always misses the last seat in the bus, the cinema, the train, and the music.

Who just misses trains, in whose face lift doors close, for whom buses will not stop and on which little boys in the street enjoy to play practical jokes.

Who says with infinite helplessness, "No, don't trouble to send the car. I'll walk instead," and "No, honestly I don't want a fire in my bedroom," and "I assure you, I'd rather have cold mutton."

Who loves riding in cars, fires in the bedroom, and who hates cold mutton.

To whom waiters hand the bill.

Who always pays it.

Who always says, "No, let me stand this round."

Who stands it, and the next.

To whom people say, "Funny, I've run right out of change. Do you mind settling with the taxi and we'll square up later?"

With whom people never seem to square up.

Who remarks to a girl at a dance, "What a dreadful looking little man over there by the door." And to whom the girl will reply, "Yes! He's my husband."

Who tries to get over it by saying, "Oh, no, I mean the one next door." And to whom the girl replies, "That's my brother."

Who has the misfortune to be a good-natured, easy-going fellow, and whom people all know as such.

Who suffers for it in every possible way.

I am just, in fact—that sort of man. You know.

C. G. G.

DOLLAR SLIGHTLY
DOWN.REFLECTS DROP IN
SILVER.

Again reflecting a decline in silver prices, the Hongkong dollar fell 1/8th this morning, to 3.7/8d. The local market is inclined to be easy, with practically no business passing.

Silver fell 1/8th in London spot and forward. China was a small seller on a market, quiet with a steady undertone. After the official fixing, the market ruled quietly steady, with no special feature.

New York is unchanged, with the market dull.

SINO-JAPANESE
OUTLOOK.A PROVISIONAL
AGREEMENT?

GENEVA REPORT.

Geneva, Mar. 16. At a meeting of the Assembly Committee, M. Hyman announced that Mr. Sato had informed him a provisional Sino-Japanese agreement had been reached at Shanghai. —*Reuter*.

The British View.

London, Mar. 16. Let no-one suppose that because peace has not yet been restored, the League does not exercise a valuable restraining influence, declared Sir John Simon, speaking at Norwich last night.

He claimed that British influence in the world councils at Geneva had contributed largely to the results achieved.

Newspaper reactions are dying down. The *Daily Telegraph* ironically refers to the assurances of Hsieh Chi-shih, remarking that Tokyo will doubtless take due note of the stern warning that Manchuria will not brook Japanese meddling with her independence, though ready to take Japan's guiding and friendly hand, especially if it contains the requested loan of £2,000,000.

Mr. Gull's View.

Mr. E. M. Gull, the secretary of the China Association, lecturing to the Central Asian Society stressed that there was a question, apart from international documents, that Manchuria is actually Chinese soil. However, we can scarcely be surprised if Japan resents any suggestion likely to weaken her control of the supplies of Manchuria coal and iron.

He deprecated British advocating of the League taking action, supporting these arguments by a reference to British economic and racial interests. —*Reuter*.

Shots At Planes.

Shanghai, Mar. 16. According to Japanese reports, Japanese reconnaissance planes were subjected to machine-gun fire from Chinese troops when they flew over Kunshan, on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway to-day. —*Reuter Morning Post Special*.

The Cost of War.

Tokyo, Mar. 16. The Government has issued a loan of Yen 87,500,000, at 5 per cent, the issue value being 86,400, redeemable in 50 years, for the purpose of covering the expenses of military operations.

The Deposit Bureau is undertaking the flotation. —*Reuter*.

Toll Of The Conflict.

Shanghai, Mar. 16. According to reports to the Bureau of Social Affairs of Greater Shanghai, the Chinese civilian casualties in Chapei, Kiangwan and Woosung during the period of hostilities was:

Killed 6,000.
Wounded 2,000.
Missing more than 10,000.

The property losses are estimated by the Bureau at \$1,400,000. —*Reuter*.

Insurance Question.

Shanghai, Mar. 16. It is reliably reported that a special committee, representing the leading insurance companies in Shanghai, has been formed to investigate the damage by fire to insured property in Chapei and other Chinese areas during the recent hostilities.

It is estimated that insurance in Chapei alone is approximately ten million taels, and claims for compensation are being made by numbers of policy holders.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce is reported to be backing some of the claimants, and foreign insurance companies are safeguarding their interests by a thorough investigation of all aspects of the local situation from the legal standpoint.

It is reported that a test case will shortly be made in connexion with these claims. —*Reuter*.

Labour Situation.

Shanghai, Mar. 16. As a sequel to the destruction of the Commercial Press during the air bombing of Chapei in the early stages of the Sino-Japanese conflict, a body of the workers has decided to proceed to the temporary offices of the concern and remain there until their demand for maintenance and a gratuity is met.

Many mills and factories, including all the Japanese manufacturing concerns in the International Settlement, remain closed. With the reopening of three more mills, the total number of factories now operating in the International Settlement is 68. —*Reuter Special*.

IRELAND'S NATIONAL
DAY.WREATH LAID ON THE
CENOTAPH.

Members of St. Patrick's Society gathered at the Cenotaph this morning to lay a wreath on the occasion of St. Patrick's Day. The wreath was in the form of an Irish harp, in green and gold.

Among those present were Col. C. D. Myles (President) and Mrs. Myles, Sir Joseph Kemp and Prof. F. A. Redmond, (Vice-President) Mr. T. Murphy, Dr. Pope and Messrs. B. H. C. Hallows, E. H. Williams, F. P. R. James, M. C. O'Connor, J. C. M. Grenham, L. C. O'Connor, and Capt. Patterson, with Mr. G. P. Murphy and L. P. T. Mahony (secretaries).

One or two functions are being held in honour of Ireland's patron saint. The main attraction is St. Patrick's Ball to take place at the Peninsula Hotel, and at which a crowd of more than 600 is expected. Decorators will be busy to-day in hanging shields round the roof garden, building the Blarney Castle and draping green bunting in prominent places. It will be the second Ball since the St. Patrick's Society was formed last year.

Last night St. Patrick's Club held a concert in their headquarters.

Last Night's Concert.

Pleasing variety sustained by a number of well-known local amateurs was a bright feature in the concert held at St. Patrick's Club last night.

The Hawaiian Glee Singers opened the programme, followed by Mr. F. V. Holland in comic items. Mr. Abraham (violinist), Miss E. Alves and Mr. G. E. D'Almeida (vocalists), and Mr. Sturgeon (instrumentalist).

Messrs. Holland, Clayton, Tomkins and Hayworth appeared in a humorous sketch which appeared greatly; and three young ladies, the Misses A. Young, A. Remedios and Lucy George, gave a prize-winning performance in a short play entitled *John Guttenberg*, closing a most enjoyable evening. The accompanists were Professor Gualdi and Mr. Ayleen.

DEBATERS DINE.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT
Y.M.C.A.

The annual dinner of the European Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society was held in the West Lounge last evening, a large gathering taking part in a successful and enjoyable function.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, President of the Society, was in the chair, and the evening was featured by a number of excellent speeches, all of which were witty and interesting in character.

The ladies, being the guests of the evening, enjoyed the toast of honour, this falling to Mr. S. A. Sweet to propose. He did so in his inimitable style, the toast being enthusiastically received. Mrs. T. V. Harmon replied with a neat speech on behalf of the ladies.

"Our Sports and Sportsmen" was next given by Mr. J. J. Ferguson and responded to by Mr. E. P. Selk, while the toast of the Literary and Debating Society was in the capable hands of Mr. C. Carruthers. Mr. S. A. Gray (Hon. Secretary) suitably acknowledged, after which Mr. H. S. Dinsdale gave "The Grasswidows" in breezy style, to which Mr. A. C. Jeffreys responded.

The final toast of the evening was that of "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. T. V. Harmon, and acknowledged by Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

CHINA DELEGATE
TO LEAGUE.MR. VICTOR HU THE
NEW HEAD.

Nanking, Mar. 17. The State Council has decided to appoint Mr. Victor Hu, formerly Director of the Asiatic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as chief Chinese delegate to the League of Nations.

Mr. Hu is at present in Europe, whither he went as expert to the Sino-Soviet Conference. —*Reuter*.

HOLIDAYS AT HOME.

URGED BY MR. NEVILLE
CHAMBERLAIN.

London, Mar. 16. Home holidays in the interests of British finances were strongly advocated by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons. Mr. Chamberlain said that until our situation was more fully consolidated it must remain preferable in the national interests that money spent for holidays should be spent in Britain rather than abroad. —*Reuter's Special Service*.

CHICAGO MAY
CLOSE DOWN.SCHOOLS & ALL CIVIC
ACTIVITIES.\$9,000,000 WAGES
ARREARS.

New York, Feb. 18. Mr. Cermak, Mayor of Chicago, is preparing to shut down the city's administration.

The State Legislature has decided to adjourn until April, leaving Chicago with no money to carry on.

"I will close the City Hall," Mr. Cermak announced. "I will tell the Board of Education to close the public schools. I will close the Water Department, the Sewer Department, and other civic activities. We cannot operate without money."

On all sides the mayor is besieged with applications for outstanding debts.

The State Legislature has adjourned without passing the five Bills designed to force the taxpayers to pay the money that would run the municipal government, and by next May Chicago's unpaid taxes will amount to \$140,000,000.

Cuts to the Bone.

Most of this money has been spent in advance, but the city employees still lack \$9,000,000 in unpaid salaries and wages.

Mr. Cermak told the City Council that he proposes a wholesale dismissal of city workers and that he will cut every department to the bone.

"What I have done already," he said, "is nothing to what is to come." Of the Legislature, Mr. Cermak said graphically, "Those politicians can go to hell, and you can tell them I said so. They are afraid to take action because of the coming primaries [party elections for choosing candidates for the Presidency]."

Various contractors are refusing now to deliver goods because they are already owed large sums, and there is a danger that the schools, with no coal to warm them, may have to close.

The mayor's prayer to-day is, "Heaven, help Chicago." He explained, "We are the victims of the politicians, who have placed their self-interests above the needs of the people."

LOCAL WEDDING.

MR. CHARLES ROSSELET
AND MISS HEARD.

A wedding which attracted considerable attention took place at St. John's Cathedral this morning, the contracting parties being Miss Kathleen Constance Heard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richard Heard, late of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and Mr. Charles Simon Rosselet, Secretary of the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. N. V. Halward, M.C., and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming creation of white satin charmeuse with embroidered veil, whilst she carried a sheaf of armillaries with white tulle bow. Her bridesmaids were Miss Gladys Heard (sister) and Miss Marie Kacker. The former wore a pretty can de nil georgette dress and coat with beige lace hat, and Miss Kacker was attired in apricot georgette and coat with beige lace hat. Both carried bouquets of sweet peas in pastel shades.

The bride's mother wore an attractive and becoming black satin ensemble.

Mr. Aubrey J. Edgar fulfilled the duties of best man, and Mr. B. A. Proulx acted as groomsmen. The service was semi-choral, Mr. F. Mason rendering suitable voluntaries both prior to and at the conclusion of the service.

Subsequently a reception was held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, where the health of the happy couple was enthusiastically toasted. The honeymoon is being spent in Manila and Baguio. The bride's travelling dress consisted of a jungle green satin ensemble, with hat and shoes to match.

MR. & MRS. BERNARD
SHAW HURT.

CAR RUNS INTO A DITCH.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, who is 75, and Mrs. Shaw, who are on holiday in South Africa, were both hurt at Kynasa, on the south coast of Cape Province, when a car in which they were driving ran into a ditch. Mr. Shaw was badly bruised and Mrs. Shaw was hurt in the wrist.

They had booked passages in the Union-Castle liner *Arundel Castle* from Mossel Bay (80 miles west of Kynasa) to Capetown, but these were cancelled.

JOB FOR A
SUPERMAN.SUPERVISOR OF
EVERYTHING.

Herne Bay, Kent, wants an entertainments manager.

Judging by the list of duties drawn up by the local council the successful applicant for the post will be a superman.

He will receive a commencing salary of £400 a year, and among the duties he will be expected to perform are the following:—

Act as piermaster. Manage and control the beach, foreshore, and pleasure grounds, so far as pitch-letting, chair-letting, and bathing are concerned.

Be responsible for chairs, programmes, bathing towels and costumes.

Supervise the collection of all moneys received for entertainments, sports, chair-letting, and bathing, and so on, and pay over daily to the council's accountant all receipts and moneys collected.

Manage the council's recreation and sports grounds (including tennis courts, bowling green, and putting green).

Manage, if required, under the direction of the clerk, any information and publicity bureau established by the council.

Film Inspector.

Act as inspector under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and inspect and report upon all cinemas in company with the surveyor before the issue of the annual licence.

Make frequent inspections of such cinemas and the exhibition of films therein and record all inspections in a report book, to be handed to the clerk at each monthly meeting of the council.

Such other duties in connexion with the work of entertainments manager or modifications of the foregoing as the council or its responsible committees may from time to time decide.

HARSH CHURCH
LAW.LORD SANKEY'S AD-
VICE TO JETTISON IT.

A sequel to the imprisonment in 1929 of Mr. John Henry Stevens, a wealthy landowner, for contempt of the Ecclesiastical Consistory Court in refusing—as landlord—to repair the chancel of the Norman Church at Hauxton, near Cambridge, was heard in the House of Lords.

Lord Sankey, the Lord Chancellor, moved the second reading of the Chancel Repair Bill, which sought to abolish proceedings in ecclesiastical courts for enforcing liability to repair certain chancels and to transfer jurisdiction to the county courts.

As a result of Mr. Stevens' going to prison, he said, there was a public outcry.

"I have come to the conclusion," said Lord Sankey, "that this jurisdiction is not one to which the Church should attach much importance in these days. The Church in its own interest would be well advised to jettison jurisdiction of this character."

Dr. Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury, thought that imprisonment in such cases was wholly inappropriate.

The Bill was read a second time.

LOVERS' COACH.

ONCE-A-WEEK SERVICE

There is a motor-coach service between the Forest of Dean and Cheltenham—about 25 miles—which is run once a week, on Sunday night; specially for courting couples.

The service, consisting of one coach, is operated by Mr. W. T. Edwards, of Lydbrook, Gloucestershire. When he was before the Traffic Commissioners for the Western Area recently his licence was opposed by two motor-coach companies.

The representatives of these companies admitted, however, that their Sunday night services, if used, did not provide the special facilities which Mr. Edwards afforded, and they withdrew their objection. Mr. Edwards was granted his licence.

The "lovers' coach," which arrives at Cheltenham at about seven o'clock, is filled chiefly with young men from the Forest of Dean, who go to visit their sweethearts, most of whom are in domestic service. And so that these courting couples can spend most of the evening together, Mr. Edwards's coach does not leave Cheltenham again until 10.40 p.m.

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Anna Howard with Piano accompaniment by Myrtle C. Enver. 20442.

Songs for Children.

Olive Kline (Soprano). 19301.

5.20-7.00 p.m. (Approx.).

Relay of "The Cheat" from the King's Theatre by courtesy of the Management.

7.00 p.m.

Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.

7.05-7.28 p.m. Variety.

Orchestral-Star Dust.

Victor Salon Orchestra. 22848.

Song-Watching my Dreams Go By.

Welcome Lewis (Comedienne). 22297.

Organ Solo-Dinah.

Jesse Crawford. 20060.

Song-After a Million Dreams.

John Boles (Tenor). 22230.

Accordion Solo-Florette.

P. Frosini. V-57.

Orchestral-When It's Springtime in the Rockies.

Tivoli Novelty Orchestra. V-60.

7.28-8.00 p.m. Orchestral.

An American in Paris (George Gershwin).

Victor Symphony Orchestra with George Gershwin. 35963-35964.

(This Suite is by Special Request).

Peer Gynt Suite No. 2 (Grieg Op. 55).

Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens. 9527-9528.

8.00 p.m.

Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m.

Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m.

Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m. Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tang Fook Piano Co.

Note: Should any additional items become available for broadcasting they will, when possible, be included between 7.30 and 8.00 p.m. on the broadcast programmes.

HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.

There was a revival of interest in the market generally at this morning's session, with a consequent marking up of quite a number of stocks.

Sales.

Hongkong Lands \$74.

Ewo Cottons Ltd. 14½.

Star Ferries \$80.

Cements (Combined) \$18.20.

Constructions (New) \$1.55.

Buyers.

Providents (Old) \$1.90.

Providents (New) \$2.30.

Hongkong (Old) \$13.90.

Hongkong (New) \$13.60.

H.K. Realties \$9.90.

Chinese Estates \$95.

Ewo Cottons Ltd. 14½.

Hongkong Trams \$20.00.

Star Ferries \$80½.

China Lights (Old) \$20.10.

China Lights (New) \$19.00.

H.K. Electric \$73.

Telephones (P. P.) \$22½.

Canton Ice \$5.

Cements (Combined) \$18.15.

Cements (New) \$5.

Dairy Farms \$28½.

Lane, Crawford's (Old) \$5.10.

Amusements \$20½.

Constructions (Old) \$5.40.

Constructions (New) \$1.80.

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LOCAL HOCKEY.

BORDERERS DRAW WITH HOCKEY CLUB.

A fast game was witnessed yesterday on the United Services ground between the Hongkong Hockey Club and the South Wales Borderers. The ground was a bit on the trying side, but enthusiasm did not diminish on that account, and the game, resulting in even scores, was productive of keen striving.

First blood was drawn by W. V. Reed for the Club, with a nicely placed shot. The Borderers equalised through Roberts. This greatly stimulated the military team, and ten minutes after the interval Jones put in a second goal.

Play was thereafter carried from one end of the field to the other, and towards the end, the Club players had the satisfaction of levelling up, Divett being responsible for the final goal a few minutes before the close.

The respective teams were:
Hockey Club.—Duncan, Woodward, Evans, W. A. Reed, C. Dand, W. V. Reed, Divett, C. C. Francis, W. E. Evans and Tetley.

South Wales Borderers.—Flynn, Smithers, Welton, Innes, Smith, Roman, Jones, Johnson, No. 40 Jones, Cappa and Roberts.

Mrs. Southern to Present Cup.

Mrs. Southern, the wife of the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, Colonial Secretary, is to distribute the Crier Clark Cup to the winners, the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club, on Saturday afternoon after the final match of the season is played between the winners and "The Rest." The match is to be played on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park, commencing at 4.15 p.m.

The team to represent the Hongkong Ladies is as follows:—M. Bird, E. M. Gray, J. Smalley, E. Ross, B. M. Pope, A. Nicol, E. Blackburn, P. M. Harrop, E. Bonnar, C. Ferguson and H. Knill.

Club Seconds.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI against the H.K.S.R.A. on the Club Ground on Monday at 5.15 p.m. sharp:—E. S. Moses, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan, H. D. Lowe, E. G. Dale, J. E. Potter, L. D. Kibber, S. J. H. Fox, W. A. Sowers, S. Hill and G. F. Rees.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

R.A. BEAT HERMES IN SEMI-FINAL.

Playing on the Navy ground within the racecourse yesterday, the Gunners qualified to compete in the final of the Services Shield Competition, by defeating the Hermes by three goals to one. The teams turned out as under:

Hermes.—Mellon, Clayson and Chawner; Chamberlain, Shirras and Brooks; Taylor, Flint, Green, Smith and Hard.

R.A.—Hole; Frearson and Taylor; Gough, Pardoe and Rogers; Woods, Allen, Bryant, Moore and Walker. Referee R. P. O. Darlington.

The opening exchanges were very even, and the Gunners had hard luck when a shot from Moore hit the post with Mellon out of position. The Hermes forced a corner, Flint heading wide from the flag kick. The Gunners were awarded a penalty and spot kick, sending the ball into the roof of the net. The Hermes fought back and forced two corners in succession.

Woods later sent across from the right and Mellon mistimed the ball and gave the Gunners a gift goal. Moore heading into the net. The Gunners held on to the lead and were two up at the interval.

Resuming, the Hermes forced two corners. After thirty minutes of the second half, the Gunners made the game safe. Walker put across the goalmouth and Bryant shot into the net, giving Mellon no chance.

A free kick later for the Hermes was well placed by Shirras and Hard beat Hole with a fast low shot. This success put new life into the Hermes attack and the Gunners were forced on the defensive, but held out until the final whistle.

To-day's Game.

To-day at 5.15 p.m. the Club Reserves will meet the Argyle Reserves in the Junior Shield on the H.K.F.C. ground.

Referee, Ch. Wtr. Pooley.

UNIVERSITY TENNIS.

MATCH BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT.

At Pokfulam yesterday afternoon, the annual tennis match between the Past and Present students of the University was played, ending in a draw of 4 sets each. Scores:—T. L. and T. C. Lu (Past) beat Khoo and Lien 6-4; beat H. N. Lee and Y. F. Chew 6-4; drew with Yeo and Ng 6-6.

Sopher and Chung (Past) lost to Khoo and Lien 2-6; lost to Lee and Chew 2-6; lost to Yeo and Ng 4-6. Lo and Yeo (Past) beat Khoo and Lien 6-1; beat Lee and Chew 6-3; lost to Yeo and Ng 3-6.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE.

WINNING HORSE STARTS AT 10 TO 1.

London, Mar. 16. The Lincolnshire Handicap resulted as follows:

Jerome Pandor 1
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LEAGUE CRICKET.

R.A.S.C. TEAM FOR NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

The following have been selected to represent the R.A.S.C. in cricket matches versus the University C.C. on Saturday, March 19, and the Indian Recreation Club on Sunday, March 20. Matches to be played at Soekampoo commencing at 2 p.m. sharp:—W. O. I. Pamplin, (Capt.), S.Q.M.S. Sadd, S/Sgt. Cate, Crowder, Sgt. Hurst, Cpl. Keene, L/Cpl. Cadman, Pte. Luxenby, Dvr. Gray, Whitley and Pte. Buckland. Reserves:—Pte. Funnell, L/Cpl. Henderson. Scorers:—Sgt. W. King. Umpire:—Mr. Bower.

Kowloon C.C. v Navy.

For their league match against the Royal Navy on Saturday the Kowloon C.C. will be represented by the following players:—J. G. Lyal, F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, W. C. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, G. C. Burnett, F. Zimmern, P. Madar, F. S. W. Smith and A. Howe.

University Team.

The University seconds against the R.A.S.C. on Saturday will be as follows:—P. L. Tan, K. P. Gan, G. E. Yeoh, D. Roy, R. E. G. Leong, C. E. R. Clarabut, D. Hunt, B. K. Ng, G. E. Scully, W. K. Choa and A. A. Asie.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

FOUR TIES DECIDED YESTERDAY.

Yesterday's results in the H.K. C. C. tennis tournament were as follows:

Open Singles.
T. Honda beat Luk Ding-cheong 6-0, 6-3.
Open Doubles.
S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Sewell and Wright 6-0, 6-3.
Club Championship.
L. Goldman beat C. E. Holmes, W. O. D. M. MacDougall beat P. R. S. Walsham 6-4, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Singles.
Stand Court:—A. L. Sullivan v. Ho Ka-lau.
Open Doubles.
Fincher and Goldman v. Hoehiuma and Kinoshita.
Lee and Luk v. Remedios and Ribeiro or Sai and Kwok.
Hamby and Collins v. Zimmern brothers or Chiu and Hung.
Club Championship.
Tufton v. Walto.
Handicap Singles "B."
Blackford v. Jensen.
Handicap Mixed Doubles.
Bedmond and Mrs. James v. Clarke and Miss Lawson.

BUDDHIST CONVERT.

HUNGARIAN VIOLINIST TO EMBRACE FAITH.

Budapest, Mar. 16. As a result of the impression made on him by his study of Buddhism, Ferenc Vecsey, the famous Hungarian violinist, has decided shortly to retire to his palace in Venice and to spend the rest of his life meditating on the teachings of Buddha. Mr. Vecsey first came into touch with Buddhism during a tour of the Far East.—Reuter's Special Service.

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HONGKONG NURSES IN SHANGHAI

REPORTS FROM RED CROSS WORKERS.

Encouraging reports from the detachment of nurses which left Hongkong for Shanghai recently have been received by Mr. Alfred Morris, Assistant Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The need for equipment has been emphasized in some communications. Mr. Morris yesterday received a cablegram from Mr. Sydney Brown, Geneva Red Cross Representative, reading:

"Chinese Red Cross expresses thanks. Great need for cotton, gauze, sheets, pyjamas, pillow-cases."

The Corps secretary of the Brigade, Mrs. Langley, will be glad to receive donations or material as stated above, to be sent on to the International Red Cross Hospital, Shanghai.

Hospital in University.

Writing to Mr. Morris on March 6 from the International Hospital for Chinese wounded soldiers, Mr. Wong Shu-wah said:

Dear Mr. Morris,
First of all, my comrades and myself should thank you for your kindness in honouring us, and we should have wired you on our arrival, but, owing to some unexpected circumstances after we reached our destination, we failed to do so and made you wait for the news. We are sorry for this.

We departed from each other on March 1. It was a calm and rather happy journey. We met another group of people who were also going North in the same manner with us. We then joined hands together and had an informal meeting as to what we were going to do. The next day a social gathering was held in order to make ourselves known to each other.

On March 3 at midnight the ship anchored at Woosung, on account of martial law and we were compelled to stay a few more hours on the ship until dawn. Dr. Yen came to our ship personally, to express his warm welcome and some other doctors waited for us at the Customs Wharf.

We went to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for lunch and then to the China Tung University for a short rest. We were surprised to learn that we were ordered to stay at that University by Dr. Yen, for we were afterwards informed that this place was to be managed as a temporary hospital by Madame Sun.

So we are now all staying and working co-operatively. For this is a newly organized hospital, and everything is unprepared. The following day, 400 wounded soldiers were sent here from another hospital and that made us very much perplexed, and we all did not know what to do in such a disorganized situation, so we decided to accept 200 first to see what we could do. Fortunately we did everything just as we expected and the result was quite satisfactory.

The last two days we didn't accept any. Two hundred more are ready to come in to-morrow.

Well, so much for that, and I want to tell you that we need some more doctors and nurses, because it is a hard problem for us to solve, when we work with the other doctors who don't speak or even know our language at all. Now everything is going on smoothly, even though we didn't find it full of interest, because our aim is to work for those who have come from the front, instead of working for those transferred

from another hospital.

I will write you in more detail about work next mail.

Yours truly,
Wong Shu-wah.

Dr. Yen's Appreciation
Writing to Mr. Morris on March 8, Dr. F. C. Yen, President of the Chinese Red Cross, said:

On behalf of all those who are engaged in the work for the wounded soldiers, let me express our great appreciation for the party of doctors, nurses and men who have come to Shanghai under the auspices of St. John Ambulance Brigade. With the cessation of hostility in the immediate vicinity of Shanghai, new cases of wounded are not likely to come, nevertheless, we have in Shanghai between six and six thousand wounded who need to be cared for. So far we have had enough help and accommodation to take care of this number.

Your entire brigade is assigned to work in a newly established hospital which has a capacity for 500 beds. It is located in the China Tung University on Avenue Haig about half a mile from the Red Cross General Hospital. This hospital is established and supported by a group of men and women in the community. A board of managers, composed of many nationalities of which Madame Sun Yuen-sen is the Chairlady, is in charge of the work. It therefore represents an international hospital for the wounded soldiers.

Patients began to come in since yesterday and to-day we have already over 200.

All members of your brigade are therefore in active work now and show an excellent spirit of service. They live on the same campus and are fairly well accommodated with a spacious ground for their drill, so I believe they are happy and comfortable.

Future of Ambulance.

So far we have not been able to clear the ambulance from the Customs but hope to do so to-day. Since there will be little field work in this vicinity, I feel that your offer to send us another ambulance is not necessary. Your ambulance will be used mostly for the transportation of patients in the Settlement from one hospital to another. I am writing to inquire whether it will be possible at the end of the service for you to sell your ambulance to the Red Cross General Hospital. For at present we are without one. Two of our Red Cross ambulances, belonging to the Hospital, have been destroyed by the Japanese.

If you can see your way to do this, please let us know the approximate cost of the vehicle. In so doing, it will not only save the cost of transportation but will supply us with a much needed ambulance as a result of hostilities. Since you have the experience in building such ambulances, it will be quite convenient for you to build a new one for yourself with the money which we will pay for the one in Shanghai.

With regard to the question in connection with an offer of a house as a convalescent hospital, I hesitate to recommend the acceptance of the offer. Convalescent soldiers are most difficult to manage and for this reason we are arranging with the Government for the establishment of a big convalescent hospital outside of Shanghai, which will be controlled under strict military discipline. Any such hospital under private management and to maintain order. Besides such a hospital will have to be opened for at least 6 months or more and with members of your brigade who are all volunteers, it will be hard for them to stay away from their work so long.

With best wishes and much ap-

LOCAL ESTATES.

HONGKONG CHARITABLE REQUESTS.

Requests of \$1,500 to the War Tong Confucian Primary School so that poor boys may be exempt from paying fees, and \$1,000 for charitable purposes as compassionate allowances for widows and orphans, are contained in the will of the late Ho War (or Wa)-tong, alias Ho Wing, alias Ho Kam-wing, alias Ho Chik Tak Tong, who died on or about July 7, 1931, at No. 7, Ki Hing Lane.

He was compradore to the General Milk Company Incorporated, formerly the American Milk Products Corporation, No. 6, Queen's Road Central.

Probate of the will and codicil has been granted to Mr. H.K. Woo, Solicitor, Chan Yat-ping, Wong Shi Shi, alias Ho Kam-wing, and Shu Shi, alias Ho Shi-shi, all of No. 14, York Road, Kowloon Tong, and also to Tse Shu-tong, No. 50, Ko Shing Street.

The will contains a number of family bequests.

Europeans' Estates.

The late Mr. Arthur Innocent, who died at Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, on September 21, 1931, left Hongkong estate worth \$41,000. Re-sealing of certified copy of letters of administration has been granted to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Sheaton, of Messrs. Deacons, who is attorney for the official administrator, Mr. E. Carruthers, of Kelowna.

Dr. Ernest David Jackson, formerly of No. 3, Peking Road, Shanghai, late of No. 1, Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, London, who died of June 2, 1931, at the Empire Nursing Home, Vincent Square, Middlessex, left Hongkong estate which has been valued at \$18,900, while net personality at home is £27,256 19s 7d.

Re-sealing of certified copy of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. G. K. Hall, Brutton, of Messrs. Hall Brutton and Company, who is attorney for the executors, to the will, Mr. J. H. Teesdale, of Shanghai, appointed the executor for China, while the Royal Exchange Assurance and Mr. W. H. Godfrey, of Gray's Inn, London, are appointed executors and trustees for estate in Great Britain.

The will contains family bequests.

Hongkong estate valued at \$10,200, with \$10,079 0s 9d at home, was left by the late Major Frederick James Hugh Waller, of the Royal Engineers, late of Lahore Cantonments, Punjab, India, who died at Sharda, Kashmir, British India, on September 4, 1931. He was a bachelor and is survived by his parents who are the only people entitled to share in the estate. Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Appreciation for the assistance which the St. John Ambulance Brigade is rendering us at this time of great distress.

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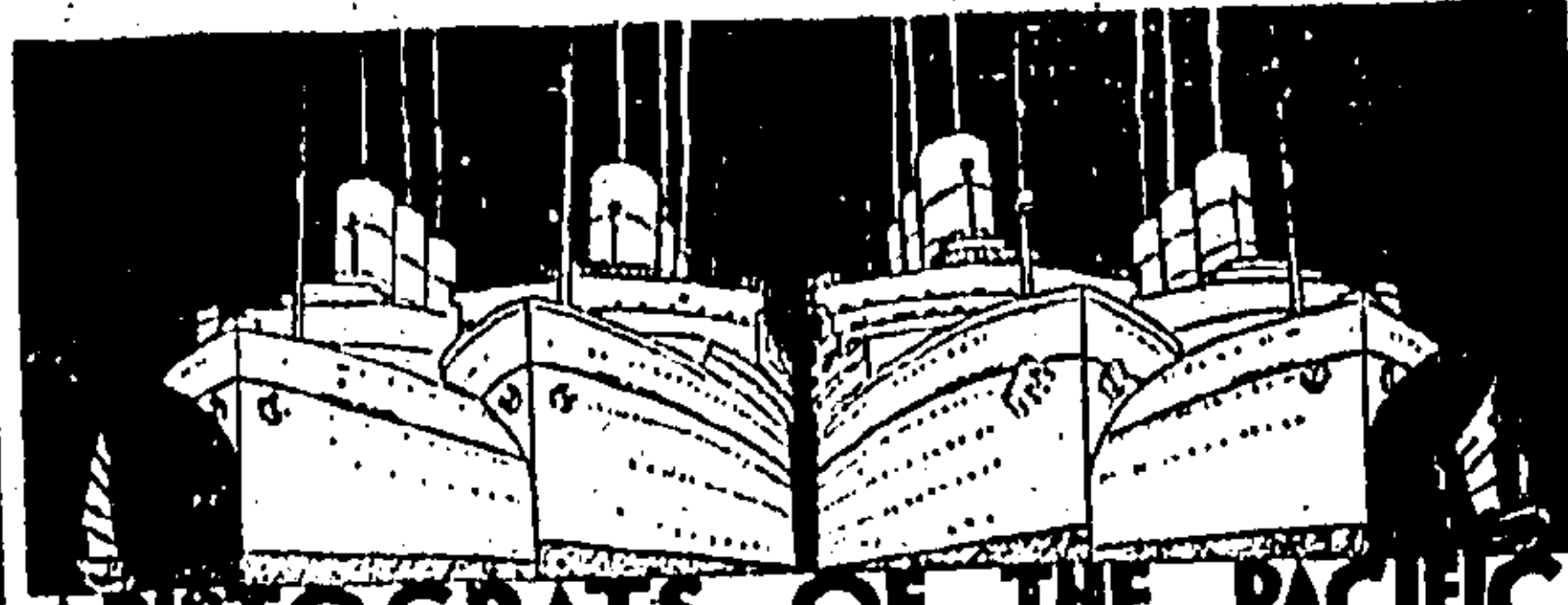
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THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

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of eating. I really have a bad headache."
"Come watch me eat, then," Ann put an arm around Cecily's waist and pulled.

"I wish," Cecily said, as they went down the stairs together, "that you'd tell me how you manage that serenity of yours. I'd give almost anything for some of it. I'm not sure that it is genuine; but there is something so sort of—clean about it."

They were in the lower hall before Ann answered: "I'm afraid you'll think I'm preachy again, honey, but I've thought a lot lately. I—well, I've had lots of time alone to think. And one thing I thought sort of seems to fit in with what you said about serenity being clean. I don't know, but I think that sorrow is something that should be put away and left alone; that it is something that shouldn't be taken out and fingered and soiled."

"Angel Ann!" Cecily said with affection and an amused tolerance; because, after all, what did Ann—what could Ann know about real sorrow? Ann, who confused sorrow with her best smiles—who thought of it as something faintly to be wrapped in tissue paper and put away in a drawer with sachet powder.

The moon poked out from between two small sprawling clouds and blotted black shadows, industriously, into the silvery whiteness below as Earl said, "Yeah, but listen, hon. But'll be out of the hospital in a week now, and he wants his car—see? Nother thing is, I got to get back to Denver and deliver that damn—pardon me—desk to the other guy and get off my hands. See?"

"Beloved," Mary-Frances answered, "I wish you'd remember about my not saying 'see' all the time. I love it, of course; and I wouldn't change a thing about you for the world, if I were the only one, but it would give people who didn't know the depths of you and all a kind of false impression of you. That's why I wish you'd stop. I don't want people who—"

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"Oh, yeah? Well, that's where you're wrong, Frankie. That's where you and me differ—see? And maybe I'm in a position to know a little more about it than you are. If a couple has the looks and the act, they don't need hardly any talent. Besides, I told you, I got talent. And it isn't like you couldn't do steps nor anything. You got the rudiments down pretty good; and, anyways, mostly you'd just feed me—see? You and I in a little act that this guy in Denver would fix up for us—we'd get swell bookings,

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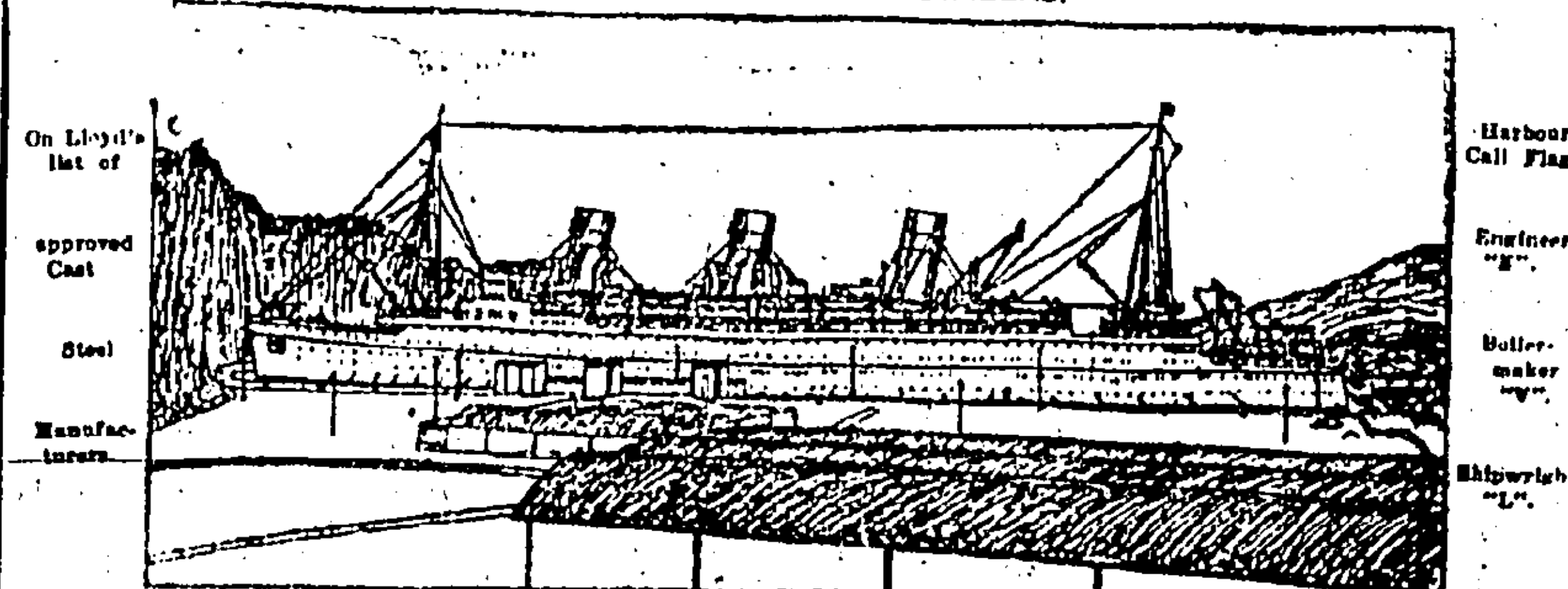
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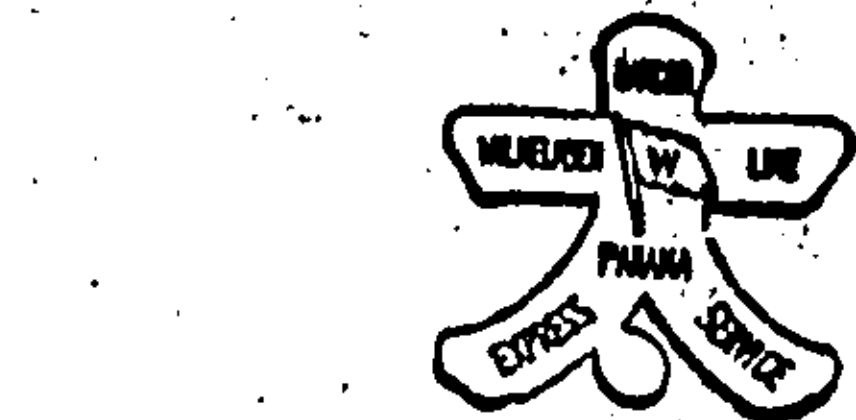
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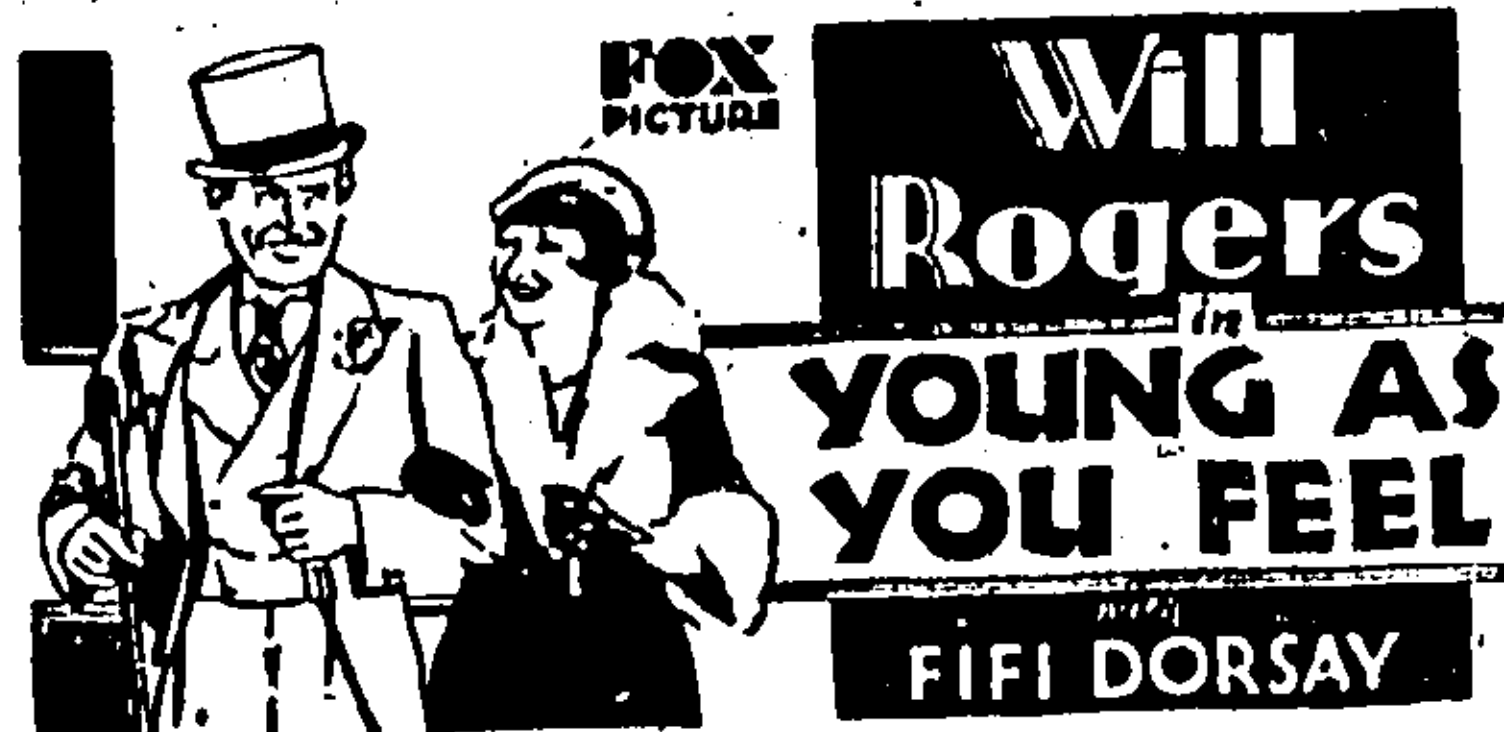
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"REPUBLIC."New President's
Policy.

HOPES AND PLANS.

London, Mar. 16.
Mr. Eamon de Valera, President
of the Executive Council of the
Irish Free State, outlined the
policy of the "Republican" Govern-
ment in an interview with Reuters
representative to-day.President de Valera said that it
was the intention of the new
Government to suspend the Public
Safety Act, under which special
tribunals for the trial of terrorists
were established.He further contended that the
abolition of the Oath of Alle-
giance would not constitute an in-
fringement of the London Treaty.Governor-Generalship.
He hopes to merge the Govern-
or-Generalship into the Presi-
dency of the "Republic" and hopes to
wash out the "unnatural" bounda-
ries between North and South, and
unite Ireland.The Government proposes to
suspend further annuities to Lon-
don and to claim the return of
these already paid.Protection will be given to Irish
industries, but it is not intended
to create a tariff for revenue pur-
poses. —Reuters.REORGANISATION
OF R.M.S.P.TWO BIG MEETINGS
APPROVE.London, Mar. 16.
The Royal Mail Steam Packet
Company debenture holders and the
White Star Line preference share-
holders to-day approved, by over-
whelming majorities, the scheme
for the reorganisation of the Royal
Mail group.The scheme envisages the divi-
sion of the ships of the R.M.S.P.
group into two, each to be control-
led by newly formed companies. —
Reuters.

KREUGER SUICIDE.

INQUIRY INTO CO'S
AFFAIRS.Stockholm, Mar. 17.
The Administrative Council of
Kreuger and Tølls have chosen six
prominent financial and industrial
experts to investigate the affairs
of the company and, if necessary,
the affairs of other enterprises in
which the company has a control-
ling interest. —Reuters.Government
Pension
Age.LEGISLATION FOR
LOWERING.Important alterations in the
pensionable ages of Hongkong
Civil Servants are pending, and
will, it is understood, shortly
be put into force.At present, the optional retiring
age of pensionable officers is 55,
with a compulsory limit of 60. It
is understood that among the pro-
posed alterations is one reducing
the optional pensionable age from
55 to 50 years, with a probable al-
teration in the compulsory age
also.When enquiries were made at
the Colonial Secretariat this
morning, a Telegraph representa-
tive was informed that a Bill
dealing with pensions alterations
will be introduced in the Legis-
lative Council shortly.No indication of the nature of
the proposed changes could be
given, but the question has been
under consideration for some con-
siderable time, and the proposals
have, it is believed, received the
approval of the Secretary of State
for the Colonies.COST OF REVENUE
COLLECTION.ESTIMATES IN HOUSE
OF COMMONS.

London, Mar. 16.

In the Estimates of the three
revenue departments submitted
to the House of Commons to-day,
provision is made for additional ex-
penditure in connexion with the Im-
port Duties Act, Customs and
Excise being estimated to cost
£5,330,200.Inland Revenue expenses are
estimated at £7,299,585 and re-
present a small increase.The Post Office expenditure for
the coming year is estimated at
£59,188,000. This includes a pro-
vision of £1,366,000 for wireless
broadcasting. The amount due
to the British Broadcasting Cor-
poration under its agreement is
£1,516,000 but the Corporation has
agreed to forego £150,000 by way
of contribution to the Exchequer
in the present emergency. —British
Wireless.In an accident which occurred yes-
terday while he was working in the
engine room of the s.s. Bogland,
lying at the Kowloon Docks, Yeung
Tai, a fitter, suffered a crushed hand,
necessitating his admission to the
Kwong Wah Hospital.HAWKERS' NOVEL
SCHEME.WHISTLE SIGNALS
EMPLOYED.

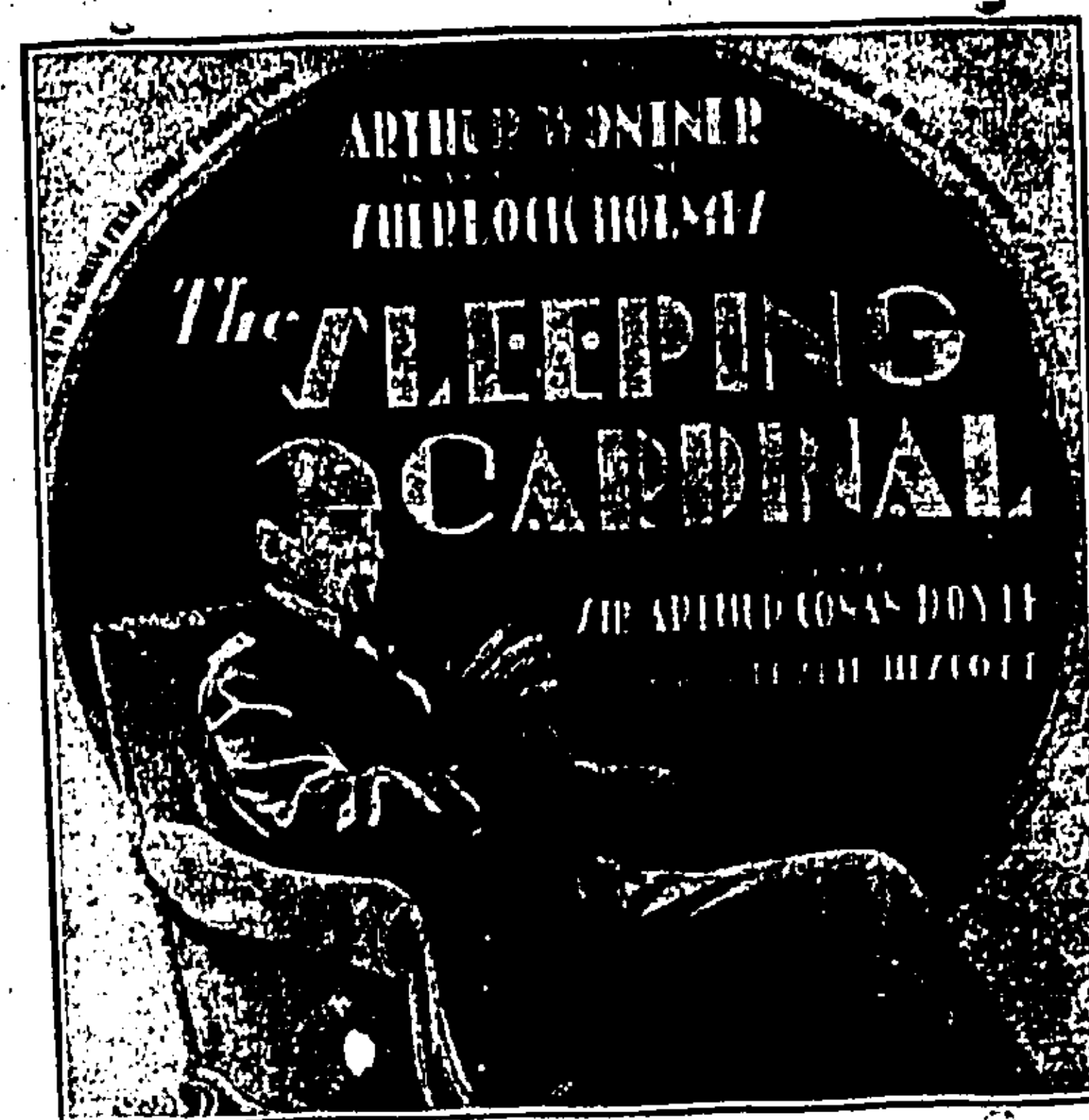
POLICE COMING!

A great deal of amusement was
caused at the Kowloon Magistracy,
before Mr. Fraser, this morning,
when a Chinese boy of 12 years
was charged with aiding and abet-
ting unlicensed hawkers to escape
from the police.A European sergeant stated
that he was in Pelio Street yester-
day when he heard three short
and sharp blasts on a whistle,
whereupon all the hawkers at the
further end of the street scattered
and fled. He hit himself and
after a while he saw the defend-
ant blowing a succession of long
blasts. The hawkers then re-
turned and occupied their old
positions."I chased the defendant," con-
tinued the police officer, "and ar-
rested him, but I could not get
any of the hawkers who escaped
by way of side-lanes nearby. On
questioning the defendant later,
I discovered that three blasts in-
dicated a European officer, two an
Indian and one a Shantung con-
stable (Laughter.)His Worship:—I don't think
you can charge him with aiding
and abetting, as you haven't got
the principal offenders.Witness:—I couldn't arrest any
of the hawkers as they scattered
in all directions.I sympathise with you, but I
think it would be better to police
him with obstructing the police.Defendant said his parents were
in the country and he was staying
with some relatives.His Worship remanded the case
until to-morrow for the defend-
ant to produce his guardian.CHINA POSTAL
CHARGES.INCREASE APPROVED
IN PRINCIPLE.Nanking, Mar. 17.
The State Council has adopted
a resolution agreeing in prin-
ciple to an increase in postage
charges.The details have been left over
for discussion later. —Reuters.

HOME FOOTBALL.

POMPEY AND CHELSEA
SHARE POINTS.London, Mar. 16.
In the First Division of the
English League to-day, Chelsea and
Portsmouth, at Stamford Bridge,
failed to score, the points being
shared. —Reuters.

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